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TWO OREGON-BASED CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES NAMED NATION'S SAFEST BY THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA

SAN DIEGO – Eugene-based Wildish Construction Co., and Portland-based PermaCold Engineering, Inc., were named today as two of the safest construction companies in America this year. The companies won first place in the highway division and first place in the specialty division, respectively, of the Construction Safety Excellence Award from the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). They were recognized for the strength of their safety programs and overall safety performance during 2008.

“There’s no better measure of the strength of a company than its ability to keep its workers safe and healthy,” said Doug Pruitt, incoming president of AGC. “These companies understand that safety is much more than a series of requirements, it is a way of operating that drives every decision on every project, every time.”

The Construction Safety Excellence Awards winners were announced during AGC’s 90th Annual Convention being held this week in San Diego, Calif. Award winners were selected by a panel of distinguished construction safety professionals from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors. The awards were sponsored by WillisHRH, a construction insurance and surety broker. WillisHRH has proudly sponsored the safety awards breakfast to recognize AGC members and chapters for outstanding safety performance since 1986.

A complete list of the award winners is attached.