



## Concrete Contractors Honored for Exemplary Safety Records

Concrete contractors with exemplary safety records for 2016 were recognized by the Safety & Risk Management Council (SRMC) of the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC), St. Louis, MO at the association's Annual Conference in Phoenix, AZ in September 2017.

W. Burr Bennett Awards for Safety Excellence were given to specialty contractor Kolde Construction, Inc., St. Mary's, KS and general contractor, L.Keeley Construction Co., St. Louis, MO. These awards are presented in partnership with CNA, Chicago, to contractors that place the highest priority on safety. Entries are judged on three years of safety performance indicators, values and trends; a self-assessment checklist of company safety practices; and detailed descriptions of safety plans and culture.

Additional awards based on the incident rate for 2016 were presented to general and specialty contractors in four categories.

General contractors receiving the Outstanding Safety Achievement Award for the lowest incident rate were **Walbridge, Detroit, MI (over 500,000 work hours)**; Chesapeake Contracting Group, Reisterstown, MD (100,000 – 500,000 work hours) and Quesenberry's, Inc., Big Stone Gap, VA (less than 100,000 work hours).

Specialty contractors receiving the Outstanding Safety Achievement Award were **Fessler & Bowman, Flushing, MI (over 350,000 work hours)**; Citadel Contractors, Inc., Apex, NC, (90,000 – 350,000 work hours); and Poppoff, Inc., Moxee, WA (less than 90,000 work hours).

56 contractors received awards for zero lost time due to accidents and 59 contractors were recognized for having lowered their incident rate from the previous year. 84 contractors received certificates for achieving an incident rate below the national average.

Three companies were recognized for outstanding fleet safety records: Halme Builders, Inc., Davenport, WA, 245,000 miles with zero accidents; TWC Concrete Services, Cincinnati, OH, 625,000 miles with zero accidents; and Thompson Builders Corp., Novato, CA, 1,950,000 miles with zero accidents.

The ASCC Safety & Risk Management Council educates contractors on all aspects of safety relating to concrete contracting and insurance matters. The Council also provides oversight on safety publications and events.

The ASCC is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the capabilities of those who build with concrete, and to providing them a unified voice in the construction industry. Members include concrete contracting firms, manufacturers, suppliers and others interested in the concrete industry such as architects, specifiers and distributors. There are approximately 750 member companies in the United States and 12 foreign countries.

For more information, visit [www.ascconline.org](http://www.ascconline.org) or call the ASCC office at (866) 788-2722.



Mark Stapleton, PE

## G2 Consulting Group Supports Rouge River Bridge Project

G2 Consulting Group, Troy, a nationally recognized geotechnical, engineering and environmental services firm, is participating on another major MDOT assignment, this one for services on the Rouge River Bridge over I-75 and Fort Street in Detroit.

At 1.63 miles long and roughly the size of 20 football fields, the Rouge River

Bridge is the largest in Michigan based on total concrete surface area. The reconstruction work is part of MDOT's massive two year, \$165 million I-75 reconstruction effort between Detroit and Brownstown.

G2 Consulting will serve as a subcontractor to Dan's Excavating in designing the earth retention portion of the project as well as a sophisticated temporary bridge for use during the construction process. Mark Stapleton, PE will serve as G2 Consulting's project manager on the job.

"The Rouge River Bridge is an integral piece of a very busy highway system. It carries 37 million vehicles per year and is a major gateway for a number of local communities and Canada," said Stapleton. "It's important for everyone that we get this job done as quickly and efficiently as we can, from both a time and budget point of view, and disrupt traffic a minimal amount of time in the process. That's our goal, just as it is on every job."

According to Stapleton, a major challenge to the project included providing access for construction equipment under the existing bridge structure in the river environment. G2 Consulting designed access roads, temporary bridges and cofferdams to assist the contractors solve these constructability issues.

The current Rouge River Bridge was built 50 years ago and is in poor condition. Patching and repairing are no longer a viable option therefore necessitating a total rebuild of the bridge. G2 Consulting has a breadth of recent experience on similar MDOT projects including the \$76 million I-94/I-69 interchange in Port Huron, the \$180 million I-96 reconstruction project in Wayne County and the \$230 million Ambassador Bridge Gateway project to name a few.

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