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UCON Announces 2012 R.E.A.L. Safety Award Winners

(San Ramon, CA – May 1, 2013) – United Contractors (UCON) has announced the winners for their newly re-launched R.E.A.L. Safety Awards Program: *Recognizing Excellence, Awareness, and Leadership in safety.*

The safety awards program is open to all UCON contractor companies, and winners were chosen within six different categories based on man-hours worked in 2012. The awards program is designed to recognize the safest UCON contractors in the industry and highlight companies who make safety a commitment in their organization.

"It's with great pleasure that we recognize these organizations for their leadership and commitment for integrating safe work practices in all of their work tasks. They have accomplished what truly is the most important core value that we embrace at United Contractors – everyone goes home safely to their families at the end of each shift." Stated Rick Seifert, chairman of the UCON Safety & Insurance Committee.

Mark Breslin, UCON CEO commented, "The UCON winners' performance shows what a commitment to safety can do for a company's brand and profits. It is not only a culture, but the right way to do business. They deserve a lot of credit for getting it right."

The following contractors listed received 2012 UCON R.E.A.L. Safety Awards in the noted categories:

<u>Up to 25,000 Man-Hours</u> **Tri-Valley Excavating, Inc.***

25,001-75,000 Man-Hours Conco-West, Inc.* Pacific Boring, Inc.*

75,001-150,000 Man-Hours

JMB Construction, Inc.*

Sierra Mountain Construction, Inc.*

150,001-250,000 Man-Hours Lewis and Tibbitts, Inc.

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250,001-500,000 Man-Hours Graniterock dba Pavex Construction

500,000+ Man-Hours

Shimmick Construction Company, Inc.

*Company also received "Team Zero" special recognition for having a zero incident rate for the 2012 year.

Award recipients will be honored at the R.E.A.L. Safety Awards Ceremony on June 28, 2013, and featured in the June issue of the UCON magazine. For more information, please contact Mallori Spilker, Regulatory Affairs Manager, at 925.362.7318 or mspilker@unitedcontractors.org.

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