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SIP TIP: ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

The Safety Incentive Program's 13th Annual Safety Incentive Program Luncheon was held on Wednesday, March 21st, 2007 at the I-X Centre. This year the program was held with the BWC's Safety Congress, with attendance over 300.

For those that are unfamiliar with the Safety Incentive Program, it is a program by which labor and management work together to promote safety in the industry. The purpose of the "Safety Incentive Program" is to encourage union contractors and union craftsperson to be more aware of working safely on the jobsite. The "Safety Incentive Program" serves to lower injuries, illnesses and workers' compensation costs. The Building and Construction Trades unions, contractors and employer associations have pledged to cooperate in this effort to reward employees who work safely.

This year's Keynote presentation was done by Mr. Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor – OSHA. Mr. Foulke presented information on the current issues within OSHA and challenged those contractors present to stay the course and maintain their best of the best status.



Mr. Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor – OSHA

On March 21st, a Ford F-150 pick-up truck was given away to one lucky finalist from among 13 trades. Names were drawn by random, prior to the luncheon. Criteria must be met in order to qualify as a semi-finalist. This consists of:

- 1,000 worked hours, in the field, for the year
- Have no OSHA recordable Injuries/Illnesses attributed to the employees' own actions
- Currently eligible to work under the CISAP Program, or comparable program
- Have not received any written safety violation(s)
- Have a valid drivers license & proof of insurance

The thirteen finalists drew their keys and were to have a chance to try their key in the truck. Martin Perhacs, of the Bricklayers, was the first to try his key. Unfortunately, for the other twelve, and fortunately for Martin, the other twelve semi-finalists never had the opportunity to try their key, as Martin's key opened the truck. Congratulations Martin!



Martin Perhacs – Bricklayer – Wins the

Also, in an effort to recognize contractors for their safety efforts, Contractor Safety Awards were presented at the luncheon for contractors meeting multiple criteria that evaluate the companies overall safety and health efforts.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to [Dobson Construction](#), [PM Construction & Engineering, Inc.](#), and [United Mechanical Contractors, Inc.](#) for winning the Contractor Safety Award for the fifth (5) consecutive year.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to [Panzica Construction Company](#) and [Soehnlen Piping Company](#) for winning the Contractor Safety Award for the tenth (10) consecutive year.

REMINDER: SAFETY PAYS AND YOU COULD "DRIVE IT HOME"