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PBG Builders Wins 1st Place National Safety Excellence Award

Nashville, TN – PBG Builders, Inc. was named first place winner of the *2009 National Construction Safety and Excellence Award* presented by The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC of America). PBG Builders won first place in the 100,000 hours worked division. The award was presented to PBG Builders during AGC's 90th Annual National Convention in San Diego. Earlier this year, PBG Builders won the top prize in the Tennessee construction safety competition, which qualified the company to compete with construction companies from 49 other states for the national award.

"We are very honored and proud to receive the national construction safety award," said Tim Prow, executive vice president of PBG Builders. "There are many honors in the construction industry; however, we are particularly proud to be recognized for our safety record. This award is a testimony to PBG's emphasis on delivering excellence in every facet of our operation."

The *AGC Construction Safety and Excellence Awards* are presented based on the decision of a distinguished independent panel of judges. The judges carefully evaluate evidence of a company's management commitment, employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control and safety program innovation. The 2009 panel of five judges included Pat Conroy, program director, Council of Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists; Mark Elfrink, manager of Construction Safety and Brewery Security, Anheuser Busch; Sherwood Kelly, senior vice president, Willis; Bill Parsons, director, Directorate of Construction, Office of Construction Standards and Guidance, OSHA; and Richard Wright, chief, Safety and Occupational Health, US Army Corps of Engineers.

"There is 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 of America. "PBG understands 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 Associated General Contractors of America is the leading voice in the United States for the construction and building industry with a special emphasis on the needs and objectives of the general contractor. Associated General Contractors of America and its nationwide network of chapters are recognized as the leaders in defining and advocating for the construction industry for nearly a century.

PBG Builders / Powell Building Group, Inc. was founded in 1991. Since then, the company has completed commercial, institutional and industrial projects with budgets ranging from \$25,000 to \$30 million for clients throughout Tennessee. Its many landmark projects include the Tennessee Titans Training Facility; Ft. Negley Visitors Center; renovation and historic restoration of the Tennessee Residence, home of the state's governor; the library at East Tennessee State University, residence halls at Martin Methodist College, Montgomery Bell State Park Inn and Conference Center, Middle Tennessee Medical Center, and Antioch High School. For additional information, visit www.pbgbuilders.com.

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