

Richards Corporation Named a Top-performing U.S. Construction Company by ABC

Terryville CT, March 17, 2021— Richards Corporation of Terryville was ranked 148th on Associated Builders and Contractors' 2021 Top 200 Performers list, which recognizes ABC member contractors' in safety, quality, diversity, project excellence and special designations, ranked by work hours. Richards Corporation was also ranked 82nd for Top 120 General Contractor (only company in CT) and 8th for Top 50 General Contractors Up to \$50 million (#1 in New England).

Published as a supplement to <u>Construction Executive</u> magazine, the ABC Top Performers lists identify the Top 200 Performers, Top Trade Contractors, Top Electrical Contractors, Top Plumbing/HVAC Contractors, Top Specialty Contractors and Top 100 General Contractors and Top General Contractors Up to \$50 million, all of which have earned the elite Accredited Quality Contractor credential, as well as the Top Performers With Special Designations.

"To be recognized for this award for a second year in a row could not make me prouder of each employee. At Richards Corporation, we strive to find the employee that has the same mindset as our core value. 'Be the best you can be every single day'. We all work hard toward that very simple common goal." — Richard M. Doyle, Jr., President

To be eligible, Richards Corporation demonstrated world-class safety performance by achieving Gold status or higher in ABC's Diamond STEP Safety Management System, which makes the top-performing contractors up to 655% safer than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics industry average, according to the <u>ABC 2021 Safety Performance Report</u>. The Top Performers were ranked by size based on the number of hours worked in 2019, as reported in their 2020 STEP applications. ABC members that earn the AQC credential certify their commitment to quality, safety, craft and management education, talent management, inclusion, diversity and equity and community relations.

"The common priorities in our third annual list of ABC Top Performers include culture, safety, innovation, workforce development and driving market value," said Michael Bellaman, president and chief executive officer of ABC. "Collaboration and adaptation created a safer, more productive jobsite and workplace for Richards Corporation, and I applaud these industry leaders for setting the standard in developing people, winning work and delivering that work safely, ethically and profitably." Richards Corporation was also named an Accredited Quality Contractor from Associated Builders and Contractors for a second year in a row.

Access the 2021 Top Performers list at abc.org/topperformers.