

Each year at the DCA Annual Convention, companies are rewarded for the effectiveness of their safety programs. Plaques are given to companies with exemplary safety records and practices.

As of January 2005, the qualifications have changed and were compliant with the OSHA 300 L.C. and the categories had been expanded from two to three. The categories to be awarded were those companies that complete less than 250,000 manhours of distribution construction per year, those that work more than 250,000 but less than 600,000 manhours, and those companies that work more than 600,000 manhours.

In February 2009, the qualifications changed and were compliant with OSHA 300 LC, the number of categories remained the same. The category manhours themselves had changed to companies that complete less than 350,000 manhours of distribution construction per year, those that work more than 350,000 but less than 700,000 manhours, and those companies that work more than 700,000 manhours. The manhours were revised for the 2013 award to less than 300,000; 301,000 to 899,000; and over 900,000 manhours of distribution construction per year to create a more even competitive distribution. The manhours distribution was again revised in 2016 to four evenly distributed categories based on the total number of submissions.

Criteria used by the DCA Safety/Risk Management Committee for judging includes: the number of OSHA lost workday cases, number of OSHA restricted duty days, number of first-aid cases, number of fatalities, the presence of a documented safety program, the use of a drug-testing program, and the company's Experience Modification Rate.

Beginning in 2022, The revised and updated judging criteria includes: the number of OSHA lost workday cases, number of OSHA restricted duty days, number of fatalities, the presence of a documented safety management system (SMS), the use of a drug-testing program, and the company's root cause analysis (RCA) system.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Hours</u>	Company
1986	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	InterCon Construction, Inc. M. H. Cook Pipeline Construction Co.
1987	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Mueller Pipeliners, Inc. Tom Allen Construction Co.
1988	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	InterCon Construction, Inc. Perham-Dayton Corporation
1989	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	InterCon Construction, Inc. Waterman Construction Co.
1990	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Mueller Pipeliners, Inc. Waterman Construction Co.
1991	over 200,000 Hrs.	InterCon Construction, Inc.



	under 200,000 Hrs.	Tom Allen Construction Co.
1992	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Mueller Pipeliners, Inc. Poling & Bacon Construction Co., Inc.
1993	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	ARB, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
1994	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	ARB, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
1995	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	ARB, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
1996	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Mid-Mountain Contractors, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
1997	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Minnesota Limited, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
1998	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Mid-Mountain Contractors, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
1999	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Mid-Mountain Contractors, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
2000	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	K. R. Swerdfeger Construction, Inc. Minnesota Limited, Inc.
2001	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Distribution Construction Co. Snelson Companies, Inc.
2002	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Minnesota Limited, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
2003	over 200,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.	Maintenance Unlimited, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.
2004*	over 600,000 Hrs. 251,000-599,000 Hrs. under 250,000 Hrs.	Mears/HDD LLC Minnesota Limited, Inc. Loy Clark Pipeline Co.
2005	over 600,000 Hrs. 250,000-600,000 Hrs.	Pilchuck Contractors, Inc. Snelson Companies, Inc.



under 250,000 Hrs. Quality Restoration Services, Inc.

2006 over 600,000 Hrs. Mears Group, Inc.

250,000-600,000 Hrs. InterCon Construction, Inc. & Minnesota Limited, Inc. (tied)

under 250,000 Hrs. Patterson & Wilder Construction Co.

2007 over 600,000 Hrs. Snelson Companies, Inc.

250,000-600,000 Hrs. KS Energy Services under 250,000 Hrs. Brotherton Pipeline, Inc.

2008* over 700,000 Hrs. Snelson Companies, Inc.

351,000-699,000 Hrs. KS Energy Services

under 350,000 Hrs. Mid America Underground & Midwest Underground, Inc (tied)

2009 over 700,000 Hrs. Minnesota Limited, Inc.

351,000-699,000 Hrs. H.L. Chapman Pipeline Construction

Co.

under 350,000 Hrs. H & H Enterprises

2010 over 700,000 Hrs. Mears Group, Inc.

Michels Corp. (tied) Q3 Contracting, Inc.

351,000-699,000 Hrs. Q3 Contracting, Inc under 350,000 Hrs. H & H Enterprises

2011 over 700,000 Hrs. Michels Corp.

351,000-699,000 Hrs. InterCon Construction, Inc. under 350,000 Hrs. Pilchuck Contractors, Inc.

2012 over 700,000 Hrs. Mears Group, Inc.

351,000-699,000 Hrs. Midwestern Contractors under 350,000 Hrs. Pilchuck Contractors, Inc.

2013 over 900,000 Hrs. Q3 Contracting, Inc.

301,000-899,000 Hrs. Midwestern Contractors

under 300,000 Hrs. H & H Enterprises

2014 over 900,000 Hrs. Q3 Contracting, Inc.

301,000-899,000 Hrs. H.L. Chapman Pipeline Construction

Co.

under 300,000 Hrs. Alvah Contractors



2015

over 900,000 Hrs. 301,000-899,000 Hrs. under 300,000 Hrs. ARB, Inc.

Midwestern Contractors H & H Enterprises

2016*

over 1,000,000 Hrs. 460,001 to 1,000,000 Hrs.

(a tie)

160,001 to 460,000 Hrs. under 160,000 Hrs.

ARB, Inc.

Blackeagle Energy Services Mersino Dewatering TekRock Trenching H & H Enterprises

2017*

over 1,300,000 Hrs. 600,000 to 1,300,000 Hrs. 200,000 to 599,000 Hrs. under 199,999 Hrs. Q3 Contracting

Blackeagle Energy Services

Hypower Inc.

Mid America Underground

TekRock Trenching

2018*

over 2,000,000 Hrs. 600,000 to 2,000,000 Hrs.

(a tie)

(a tie)

200,000 to 599,000 Hrs. under 199,999 Hrs.

(a tie)

ARB Inc.

Blackeagle Energy Services

United Piping Inc.

Aaron Enterprises Inc.

Southeast Directional Drilling

Alvah Contractors Inc. Atlas Trenchless LLC Brotherton Pipeline Inc. NuLine Utility Services LLC

2019*

over 1.2 million Hrs. 600,000 to 1.1 million Hrs. 200,000 to 599,000 Hrs. under 199,999 Hrs. ARB Inc.

Hypower Inc.

Hanging H Companies LLC NuLine Utility Services LLC

2020*

over 2 million Hrs. 800,000 to 1.9 million Hrs. 136,000 to 799,000 Hrs. under 135,000 Hrs. ARB Inc.

Hanging H Companies LLC

AGI Construction

NuLine Utility Services LLC The HDD Company Inc.

2021*

over 1 million Hrs. 301,000 Hrs. to 750,000 Hrs. 151,000 to 300,000 Hrs.

(a tie)

(a tie)

under 150,000 Hrs.

(a tie)

Michels Utility Services Inc.

AGI Construction

NuLine Utility Services LLC Loy Clark Construction Brotherton Pipeline Inc.

R&R Pipeline



2022*

over 1.7 million Hrs. 701,000 Hrs. to 1.69 million Hrs.

201,000 to 700,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.

(a tie)

ARB Inc.

Michels Utility Services Inc. Blackeagle Energy Services

Atlas Trenchless LLC Brotherton Pipeline Inc. Hanging H Companies

R&R Pipeline

2023*

over 2 million Hrs.

(a tie)

801,000 Hrs. to 1.99 million Hrs.

201,000 to 800,000 Hrs. under 200,000 Hrs.

(a tie)

ARB Inc.

Q3 Contracting Inc.

Michels Utility Services Inc.

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Eastern Utilities Services Hanging H Companies Michels Pacific Energy Inc.

^{*}Change in Category distribution and additional award.