MBMA Announces Manufacturer Safety Award Winners

CLEVELAND, OHIO – www.mbma.com: The Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA) annually recognizes metal building systems manufacturers which show exceptional commitment to assuring workplace safety. The 2013 Safety Awards were presented at the MBMA Spring Dinner Meeting held May 6, 2014 in Dallas, TX.

“A total of 47 plant facilities participated in MBMA's Quarterly OSHA Injury Statistics Program,” states Charles Praeger, Assistant General Manager of MBMA. “Awards were presented based on our analysis of the submitted data.”

MBMA and its members are committed to the safety of everyone who works in the metal building systems industry. The organization has had a long-standing Safety Committee and Safety Awards Program, which was revamped in 2010 so that it is patterned after OSHA safety rules. “Our members are focused on the safety of their employees and MBMA is very happy to recognize them with these awards,” says Praeger.

From the 47 manufacturing facilities nationwide that submitted data, a total of 20 awards were presented. Of that total, some awards were given to multiple locations within the same company. MBMA patterned the awards program to conform to OSHA safety standards. MBMA’s criteria, though, stipulates that winning firms must have work-related accident and illness rates that are at least 50% below OSHA-reported averages for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 332311. For the incident rate award, the industry average is 6.6 as reported in the NAICS Code 332311. Therefore, MBMA’s minimum starting point was 3.3.

The Superior Overall Safety Record, under the rules of the Safety Awards Program, was awarded to those plants that achieved no recordable injuries or incidences for the 12-month period, which is a significant achievement.
A fatality precludes any awards for an individual plant or company. A plant without a fatality within a company can qualify for an award. In addition to recognizing a company in the Superior Overall Safety area, MBMA has Safety Improvement Awards that recognize performance improvements.

Awards were presented at the following levels to individual plant locations:

**2013 Superior Overall Safety Record – In recognition of having no recordable incident rate**

BLUESCOPE BUILDINGS NORTH AMERICA, INC.
San Marcos, Texas

DEAN STEEL BUILDINGS, INC.
Cedartown, Georgia

DEAN STEEL BUILDINGS, INC.
Thomasville, Georgia

RUFFIN BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.
Oak Grove, Louisiana

**2013 Safety Performance Award – In recognition of having achieved an incident rate equal to 50% or better than the industry average as reported by OSHA**

AMERICAN BUILDINGS COMPANY
Eufaula, Alabama
El Paso, Illinois

BEHLEN BUILDING SYSTEMS
Columbus, Nebraska

BLUESCOPE BUILDINGS NORTH AMERICA, INC.
Rainsville, Alabama
St. Joseph, Missouri
Jackson, Tennessee
Laurinburg, North Carolina

GULF STATES MANUFACTURERS
Starkville, Mississippi

KIRBY BUILDING SYSTEMS, INC.
Portland, Tennessee
Founded in 1956, MBMA serves manufacturers and suppliers as it works to promote the metal building systems industry. Its membership represents more than $2.2 billion in annual steel shipments and accounts for approximately 49% of the total non-residential low-rise construction market in the United States. The association provides a wealth of technical information on its website, www.mbma.com, for anyone who works with or is interested in metal building systems, and publishes numerous technical manuals and design guides.