



News Release

STARCON INTERNATIONAL RECEIVES NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD FROM ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

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WASHINGTON, DC – Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) today announced that STARCON International’s work on the crude unit turnaround at Marathon Petroleum’s Garyville, La. facility earned the company first place in the Industrial \$15-million - \$25-million category of ABC’s Excellence in Construction awards. Representatives from STARCON received the award June 24 during the 19th annual Excellence in Construction awards celebration at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C.

“ABC congratulates STARCON International for its exceptional work on Marathon Petroleum’s facility,” said Kirk Pickerel, ABC president and CEO. “This project is an outstanding example of the innovation and commitment to superior craftsmanship that embody merit shop construction. It is a pleasure to honor this project with the association’s top construction excellence award.”

The Excellence in Construction awards program is the industry’s leading competition, developed to honor innovation and high-quality merit shop construction projects and safety programs. The award honors all construction team members, including the contractor, owner, architect and engineer. The winning projects, selected from entries submitted from across the nation, were judged on complexity, attractiveness, unique challenges overcome, completion time, workmanship, innovation, safety and cost.

After removing corroded refinery equipment, STARCON performed 300-ton heavy lifts to align existing structures with newly constructed modules using an approach that reduced the turnaround time to 22 days and saved Marathon Petroleum millions of dollars.

A host of industry experts served as the competition’s judges. This year’s panel included representatives from the Design-Build Institute of America, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Surety & Fidelity Association of America, Engineering News-Record and representatives from higher education, among others. The competition is open to all construction projects completed by ABC member firms during 2008.

In addition, STARCON International received ABC’s National Safety Excellence Award in the Specialty Trade Contractor category.

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STARCON receives the ABC Eagle award at the June 2009 Excellence in Construction Award Ceremony

Pictured L to R are:

Kirk Pickerel, ABC president and CEO

Rich Hernandez, Maintenance Manager at Marathon Garyville

Mike Uremovich, CEO, STARCON

Lisa Washington, executive director of Design-Build Institute of America

Jerry Gorski, 2009 ABC National Chairman and president of Gorski Engineering, Inc.,
Collegeville, Pa.

