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## **Stars In Safety: NUCA Announces First Platinum Winners Of New STAR Safety Program**

(Fairfax, Virginia) - Safety is a vital component of every utility construction jobsite and employee activity. The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) is proud to announce the first two members who have completed the association's new safety program enhancing and recognizing this critical aspect of construction.

BRS, Inc. of Richfield, North Carolina, and Concrete Cutting Systems Inc. of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are the first two construction companies to achieve the STAR Program's top Platinum status. Both are NUCA members.

NUCA's new STAR (Safety, Training, Awareness and Recognition) Program provides a venue for every company in the utility construction industry to measure the effectiveness of their safety programs and recognize how these important company programs can be improved.

"Congratulations to our first two Platinum winners," said Kirk Blomgren, NUCA Safety Committee Chairman, and Vice-President of Safety and Quality of Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors. "These companies have shown strong dedication to creating and managing world class safety programs, and more importantly, honoring their commitment to ensure that their employees make it home safely when the working day is through."

The STAR Program categories of Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum allow companies to review their processes and evaluate their safety programs' strengths and potential areas of improvement in the important areas that provide a lasting path to safety success. Evaluation areas are Leadership, Records Management, Culture, and Procedures. Under these four core areas are subsections scored on a point system meeting specific guidelines that a company must meet for each category.

Platinum winners were chosen by the STAR review board based on their submissions following the STAR Program guidelines. The overall winner in the Platinum category for 2022 will be announced at the NUCA Safety / Damage Prevention Conference in Denver, Colorado, to be held November 17-18, 2022.

NUCA's website ([www.nuca.com/nucastar](http://www.nuca.com/nucastar)) contains detailed information on NUCA STAR Program guidelines, as well as the application process for members and non-members. The STAR Program was unveiled in June 2022 during Trench Safety Month.

All participants who attain one of the four levels of the STAR PROGRAM are recognized as companies who are sincere in their efforts to build effective programs and are to be commended for their participation in ensuring the safety of their employees.

The goal of this program is to help industry members master one of the most important functions of a successful company—safety--and to help ensure industry employees stay healthy and safe while they build our nation's vital core infrastructure projects,

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