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## **J.F. Wilkerson Awarded Gold Level of Utility Construction Industry Safety Program**

### *Morrisville, N.C. Contractor Highlights Company Safety Investments*

(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 that J.F. Wilkerson Contracting Co. finished the NUCA STAR safety program. The company has completed the association's new safety program enhancing and recognizing this critical aspect of utility construction.

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.

J.F. Wilkerson Contracting Co. of Morrisville, N.C. achieved the STAR Program's Gold Level status. The company is both a NUCA National and a NUCA of the Carolinas member.

"Congratulations to J.F. Wilkerson Contracting," said Mike Flowers, NUCA's director of safety, education, and training. "Our NUCA STAR winners show strong dedication to creating and managing world-class safety programs on their jobsites. Through their commitment to jobsite safety, their leadership ensures that their employees make it home safely when the working day is through.

"J.F. Wilkerson's safety program easily shows their commitment to safety and their employees. The supporting documentation submitted in their STAR evaluation proves J.F. Wilkerson takes their safety program seriously," said Flowers.

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.

Winners at all levels are chosen by the STAR review board based on their submissions following the STAR Program guidelines. The overall winner in the top Platinum category for this year 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 NUCA members and non-members. The STAR Program was unveiled in June 2022 during Trench Safety Month and has already awarded several companies recognition for their safety programs.

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.

J.F. Wilkerson Contracting can be found on the Web at [www.jfwilkerson.com](http://www.jfwilkerson.com).

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