

Turner Tree and Landscape wins 2009 Excellence in Construction Award.

Every other year, general contractors and subcontractors enter their best work in Associated Builders & Contractors, Inc.'s "Excellence in Construction" Awards Competition. This year ABC produced its 14th edition of "Excellence" with awards ceremonies held on April 24th, at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tampa. Over 500 people attended the multi-media event that filled four ballrooms.

The purpose of this awards program is to highlight ABC member's achievements in construction. This includes the quality of work, the size of the projects, and the amount of different materials used. 'Excellence' is a vehicle that offers the opportunity to members to showcase their finest work completed within the previous twenty-four months.

Steve P. Cona, Jr., President/CEO of ABC's Florida Gulf Coast Chapter, said, "Many of the project entries were outstanding in not only diversity, but also in their scope of work, attention to detail and the desire to meet and exceed owners expectations". In his opening statement, Chris Jimenez, Chairman of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter stated "Let us be mind full that the true winners are the men and women craft professional who truly build our projects with their hands, their skills and their knowledge of their trade."

This year the competition generated some 97 entries from ABC general contractor and subcontractors members. The superior level of craftsmanship and quality shown in every entry and winner continues to reach new heights. With several different categories and subcontractors, the awards covered the gamut of the construction industry. And to judge these projects, a panel represented by a cross section of the industry including architects, engineers, and industry leaders was selected. During the judging process the panel reviewed the scope of work and many photos of each project entry and ranked them on criteria such as quality of specialized workmanship, attention to electrical, mechanical systems, examination of detail to general appearance and uniqueness of the project entry. Judges then assigned a numerical score for the entries with the highest score being named the winner in each specific category. This year, winners submitted projects in commercial, private, industrial, educational, healthcare and institutional work. Winning projects likewise, also fell into a cost range of under 1 million to over 20 million. Turner Tree and Landscape was awarded first place in the Site Construction category for a mountain bike park they worked on with Landscape Architect Larry Washmuth of Stewart-Washmuth.

