

# News Release



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## **Stone Building Company Named Accredited Quality Contractor for 2 of the Program's 30 Years by ABC for Achievement in Construction Safety, Education and Culture**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL**, September 22—Stone Building Company of Birmingham, Alabama today announced that it has again been named an Accredited Quality Contractor by Associated Builders and Contractors, the 2nd year Stone Building Company has earned the prestigious credential for its commitment to corporate responsibility. ABC is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Accredited Quality Contractors program in 2023, and only 547 of the nation's elite merit shop construction contractors most recently earned the credential.

“Stone Building Company understands the big picture,” said ABC of Alabama President, Jay Reed. “From internal team members professionalism and drive to their largest customer’s satisfaction with their process and product, they exemplify the very definition of an Accredited Quality Contractor. This thorough evaluation sets high standards and benchmarks and Stone Building Company excelled in every division. Alabama is home to some of the best contractors in the Country and the World quite frankly and it is great to see Stone Building Company take their place among them.”

Launched three decades ago, ABC’s AQC program provides recognition to world-class construction firms that have documented their commitment in five areas:

- Quality
- Safety performance
- Talent management, including inclusion, diversity and equity
- Craft and management education
- Community relations

“Accredited Quality Contractors exemplify top-performing contractors by setting the standard in the contracting community for safety, culture, workforce development, innovation, diversity and quality,” said Michael Bellaman, ABC president and CEO. “Every day, the leaders and employees of Stone Building Company commit to the highest level of corporate and community achievement, embodying the best of ABC’s membership. Congratulations to these outstanding construction companies.”

In earning the AQC credential, each member company commits to world-class safety by achieving the Gold, Platinum or Diamond level in [ABC's STEP Safety Management System](#). Founded more than three decades ago, STEP dramatically improves safety performance among construction industry participants, with top performers achieving incident rates [more than six times safer than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics industry average](#).

Reaccredited annually, AQC members also make the following pledge: As an Accredited Quality Contractor, our company is committed to providing our clients with the highest quality construction services, and we care deeply about our employees and the communities in which we build. We are proud to be part of the construction industry and are dedicated to the principles of free enterprise. We commit ourselves to serve our communities and provide our employees with the skills they need to work safely and productively in order to meet the needs of our clients.

AQC is recognized by the [Construction Users Roundtable](#), an organization founded by leading construction project owners, and AQC members are eligible for ABC's [Top Performers](#) lists, which rank contractors based on work hours.

To learn more about AQC and see the full list of accredited quality contractors, visit [abc.org/aqc](http://abc.org/aqc) or [utilize the zip code finder tool](#). ABC members have exclusive access to the list of accredited quality contractors and more on FindContractors.com.

**About ABC:** Associated Builders and Contractors is a national construction industry trade association established in 1950 that represents more than 22,000 members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 68 chapters help members develop people, win work and deliver that work safely, ethically and profitably for the betterment of the communities in which ABC and its members work. Visit us at [abc.org](http://abc.org).

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