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## Stone Building Company Achieves World-Class Safety Standards Through GOLD ABC STEP Program

**BIRMINGHAM, AL**, March 15—Stone Building Company announced it has achieved GOLD in [Associated Builders and Contractor's STEP Safety Management System, meaning the company is 655% safer than the industry average](#). Founded more than three decades ago, STEP has evolved into a world-class safety program that dramatically improves safety performance among construction industry participants.

STEP participants measure their safety processes and policies on key components through a detailed questionnaire with the goal of implementing or enhancing safety programs that reduce jobsite incidents.

"Safety is a journey, and that journey is possible because of systems like STEP, which enables ABC member contractors like Stone Building Company to have a safer and more productive jobsite," said Greg Sizemore, ABC vice president of health, safety, environment and workforce development. "Committing to total human health is essential to ensure both the physical and mental health and safety of our workforce, and I commend Stone Building Company for consistently fulfilling those commitments to raising the bar of safety performance."

According to ABC's annual [Safety Performance Report](#), STEP participants, regardless of company size or type of work, can reduce recordable incidents up to 85%, making the best performing companies more than eight times safer than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics industry average. Ratings range from Diamond, the highest, to Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Participant.

To learn more about the STEP program, visit [abcstep.org](http://abcstep.org).

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