

# News Release



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## **Stone Building Company Named Accredited Quality Contractor by ABC, Achieving Premiere Status in Construction Safety, Education and Culture**

**BIRMINGHAM, AL**, October 12—Stone Building Company of Birmingham, Alabama announced that it has been named an Accredited Quality Contractor by Associated Builders and Contractors for its commitment to corporate responsibility. Only 450 of the nation’s elite merit shop construction contractors earned the credential in 2021.

“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 nearly 30 years 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, and inclusion, diversity and equity
- Craft and management education
- Community relations

“Accredited Quality Contractors set the standard in the contracting community in safety, culture, workforce development, innovation, diversity and quality,” said 2022 ABC National Chair of the Board of Directors Stephanie Schmidt, president of Poole Anderson Construction, State College, Pennsylvania. “Congratulations to this high-performing construction company. Daily, the leaders and employees of Stone Building Company commit to the highest level of corporate and community achievement, exemplifying the best about ABC membership.”

In earning the AQC credential, each member company commits to world-class safety by achieving 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 [eight times safer than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics industry average](#).

AQC members also take 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 [Construction Users Roundtable](#), an organization founded by leading construction project owners.

**About ABC:** Associated Builders and Contractors is a national construction industry trade association established in 1950 that represents more than 21,000 members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC and its 69 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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