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## Stone Building Company Named an ABC Accredited Quality Contractor for Leadership in Construction Safety, Education and Culture

**BIRMINGHAM, AL,** November 24—Stone Building Company of Birmingham, Alabama today announced that it has again been named an Accredited Quality Contractor by Associated Builders and Contractors, the 3rd year Stone has earned the prestigious credential for its commitment to corporate responsibility. Only 525 of the nation's elite merit shop construction contractors earned the credential in 2024.

Launched more than three decades ago, ABC's AQC credential provides recognition to industry-leading construction firms that have documented their commitment in five areas:

- Quality
- Health and safety performance
- Talent management, including inclusion, diversity and merit
- Craft and management education
- Community relations

"Every day, the leaders and employees of Stone Building put in the work and make the decisions that deliver the highest-quality construction services to their communities and embody the highest level of corporate achievement," said Michael Bellaman, ABC president and CEO. "Accredited Quality Contractors are top-performing ABC contractor members that set the standard for safety, culture, workforce development, innovation, merit and quality in the contracting community. Congratulations to these outstanding construction companies; you exemplify the best of ABC's membership."

In earning the AQC credential, each member company commits to industry-leading health and safety by achieving the Gold, Platinum or Diamond level in <u>ABC's STEP Safety Management System</u>. Established in 1989, STEP provides contractors and suppliers with a robust, no-cost framework for measuring safety data and benchmarking with peers in the industry, with top performers achieving incident rates <u>nearly six times safer than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics industry average</u>.

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 to 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 <u>Construction Users Roundtable</u>, an organization founded by leading construction project owners, and AQC members are eligible for ABC's <u>Top Performers</u> lists, which rank contractors based on work hours.

To learn more about AQC and see the full list of accredited quality contractors, visit <a href="mailto:abc.org/aqc">abc.org/aqc</a> or <a href="mailto:utilize the ZIP code finder tool">utilize the ZIP code finder tool</a>. ABC members have exclusive access to the list of Accredited Quality Contractors and more on <a href="mailto:FindContractors.com">FindContractors.com</a>.

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