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## Stone Building Company Named an ABC Accredited Quality Contractor for Leadership in Construction

**Birmingham, Alabama,** July, 29—Stone Building Company of Birmingham, Alabama today announced that it has again been named an Accredited Quality Contractor by Associated Builders and Contractors, the 4<sup>th</sup> year it has earned the prestigious credential for its commitment to corporate responsibility. Only 591 of the nation's elite merit shop construction contractors earned the credential in 2024.

Established 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
- Craft and management education
- Community relations

"This industry-leading contractor has proven they not only provide immense value in the marketplace, but they also prioritize their employee's health and safety, the company culture and their quality work processes and products," said Michael Bellaman, ABC president and CEO. "The leaders and employees of Stone Building put in the work and make the decisions daily that set the standard for health and safety, culture, workforce development, innovation, market-based compensation, benefits and quality in the contracting community. This quality standard is backed and validated by clients and third-party references. Congratulations to this Accredited Quality Contractor; you are a trusted, respected and transformational leader in the construction industry."

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® Health and 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 seven 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>.

Celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2025, Associated Builders and Contractors is a national construction industry trade association established in 1950 with 67 chapters and more than 23,000 members. Founded on the merit shop philosophy, ABC helps 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.

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