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**Richmond, VA, October 4, 2017** (<http://conta.cc/2yYeQ00>) - There were 42 fatalities at all Virginia workplaces in 2016 which represents a 35% increase over the prior year. This trend is continuing into 2017 with 27 fatalities year to date. To proactively address workplace fatalities and injuries, the VMA has initiated an aggressive new safety program. One major part of that program is the recognition of outstanding safety performance by contractors to manufacturers. The VMA Safety Award was presented to 33 contractors during an awards ceremony at the 15th annual Virginia Environmental Health and Safety (VEHS) Conference (September 28).

Winners of this year's VMA Safety Award are:

### Gold Level

- Aggreko
- Arrowhead Environmental
- Cranemasters
- Cooper & Claiborne Construction
- Four Square Industrial Contractors
- Gallagher Lawn Service
- Insulation Specialties, INC ISI
- Macroseal Mechanical
- Matthews Construction Co.
- Rudy L. Hawkins Electrical Contractor
- SW Funk Industrial Contractors
- Scaffolding Solutions
- Thompson Industrial Services
- Timmons Group
- Total Safety

### Silver Level

- Carlton Scale
- Central York Corporation
- Emlex Construction
- Lewis Brothers Industrial Flooring
- MPW Industrial Services
- Rebound Industrial Maintenance
- WO Grubb

### Bronze Level

- Alliance Material Handling, Inc.
- Brown & Root Industrial Services
- Centimark
- Colonial Webb
- Contact Switchgear Service
- CSE, Inc.
- D & D Mechanical
- Eagle Fire, Inc.
- Elite Force Staffing
- Konecranes
- Seal Specialists

In the last year, over 18,000 ISRT safety courses were completed and almost 2,000 certificates were issued to employees of participating contractors. The VMA presented fifteen gold, seven silver, and eleven bronze medal awards at this year's awards ceremony. Gold level recipients had 75% or more of their qualified workforce successfully complete the ISRT certificate on an annual basis. Silver level winners achieved 50% and bronze level winners achieved 25%.

The VMA Safety Award recognizes contractors that provide services to Virginia manufacturers and 25+% of their qualified workforce has obtained the Manufacturing Skills Institute's Industrial Safety Readiness Training (ISRT) certificate and had no fatalities or significant recordable injuries or illnesses reported to Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH) during the past year. ISRT provides core concepts of safety awareness for industrial workplace training, and an individualized learning plan that addresses the most common hazardous situations faced in the industrial environment. It's presented through a cloud-based, interactive, multimedia platform that is also available in Spanish. Participating companies are also provided a free learning management system to manage the ISRT certificate training for their employees so that it can be integrated into their own safety training program. Manufacturers have access to a cloud-based identification system that will verify training credentials for every contractor employee entering their sites.

"All winners are rewarded with recognition in our exclusive cloud-based VMA Contractors Directory that will be marketed to 5,000 manufacturers across the Commonwealth" said Brett Vassey, VMA President & CEO. "Our goal is to raise the profile of contractors that have made exceptional investments in worker safety as a means of assisting them with procurement opportunities with like-minded manufacturers" said Vassey. The VMA Contractors Directory is available at [www.vamanufacturers.com/contractors-directory/](http://vamanufacturers.com/contractors-directory/). (<http://vamanufacturers.com/contractors-directory/>)

At this year's VMA Safety Award ceremony, the [VMA also announced that it will offer a Chairman's Safety Award in 2018](#). This will be a competitive award where a manufacturer's safety program will be evaluated by an expert panel. A technical advisory panel from the VMA Safety Subcommittee will develop the selection criterion over the next six months.

For more information about the VMA Safety Program, please contact [knoonan@vamanufacturers.com](mailto:knoonan@vamanufacturers.com) (<mailto:knoonan@vamanufacturers.com>). For more information on the Industrial Safety Readiness Training certificate, go to <http://manufacturingskillsinstitute.org/training-programs/contractor-safety-readiness-certificate-program-online-training/> ([http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001om0jWvprDEkTv-hzx1ej\\_4WDNjFQRC2Gd9NK28lsaecou16fD72RExkfl4VIMi7VEQtnTkR9CuVIRdXaa7j7tg8j7A8rtL3Gok3hawn6qavtNV-spLoanVEV8\\_NrsC040w958vmDKDvYINEzU97s7dkH33saSNB6TJbqO-LFWN8AgINQ9Ta8ReHmhhiXhiFiPhh6nMOLNGTrMaohkPt-7TC1oNq3AO8qwauW6mcQm\\_SA7-SWn-rNK7YPXs67H74mHkCpt5EbzeQ\\_xwuNKKZtM7ozFQ6UPEwaGhJy765FQJMMQsBnI86Q==&c=yA45VzicMfICWL\\_17SHjviQmCqU-NOSG2D78Sor77Y4Kvh2x01IEcg==&ch=Y8khYD5kHeBvIysWQadidXprscnIG8Hn\\_sl2vxlUx\\_\\_TnGSdy8-g==](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001om0jWvprDEkTv-hzx1ej_4WDNjFQRC2Gd9NK28lsaecou16fD72RExkfl4VIMi7VEQtnTkR9CuVIRdXaa7j7tg8j7A8rtL3Gok3hawn6qavtNV-spLoanVEV8_NrsC040w958vmDKDvYINEzU97s7dkH33saSNB6TJbqO-LFWN8AgINQ9Ta8ReHmhhiXhiFiPhh6nMOLNGTrMaohkPt-7TC1oNq3AO8qwauW6mcQm_SA7-SWn-rNK7YPXs67H74mHkCpt5EbzeQ_xwuNKKZtM7ozFQ6UPEwaGhJy765FQJMMQsBnI86Q==&c=yA45VzicMfICWL_17SHjviQmCqU-NOSG2D78Sor77Y4Kvh2x01IEcg==&ch=Y8khYD5kHeBvIysWQadidXprscnIG8Hn_sl2vxlUx__TnGSdy8-g==)) or contact [jsteele@vamanufacturers.com](mailto:jsteele@vamanufacturers.com) (<mailto:jsteele@vamanufacturers.com>).

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