Excellence in Construction Safety Award

AWCI’s Industry Awards Committee Chairman Mark Nabity presented AWCI’s 2001 Excellence in Construction Safety Award to Baker Drywall Co., Inc. of Dallas.

AWCI’s safety award was created to give national recognition to a contractor member who manages an effective safety program in a given year. The winner of the 2001 safety award was chosen on the basis of injury and health frequency rate data, experience modifier, safety statement and company safety-program information.

Baker Drywall initiated its safety program six years ago. Since then, it has experienced one of the most productive and certainly the safest periods in its history.

Baker Drywall spends $75,000 yearly on its safety program. Under the guidance of a full-time safety director, its Experience Modification Rate was reduced nearly 100 percent to a current 0.57, with an estimated annual savings to the company of $250,000.

Of the 1,427,000 total man hours worked during the year 2000, the company experienced just nine disabling injuries.

That’s what happens when management makes a 100 percent commitment to safety on the job.

AWCI Industry Awards Committee Chairman Mark Nabity (left) presented the 2001 Excellence in Construction Safety Award to Steve Baker, CEO, (center) and Jim Dunn, safety director, of Baker Drywall Co., Inc.