

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE THOM SICKLESTEEL HONORED BY AGC BOARD

Seattle, WA (April 11th, 2011) – The Associated General Contractors of Washington's (AGC) Board of Trustees honored Sicklesteel Cranes, Inc. President, Thom Sicklesteel, with an Award of Appreciation at its April 11th Board meeting.

Thom was acknowledged "for outstanding contribution and dedication to educating the construction industry on crane safety," said AGC President Pat McGarry.

Over the past few years, there have been a number of significant developments in crane regulations. OSHA and Washington State updated their construction crane rules, while the industry standards, ASME B30.5, were being updated as well. This is the first time in nearly a generation that all of these regulations have been modified.

Sicklesteel participated on every stakeholder committee and on select committees where contentious issues were resolved. Sicklesteel was also invited to be a subject matter expert to develop nationally accredited exams for crane certifiers at state and national levels. Over the past two years, Sicklesteel was invited to speak to more than 4,500 people to outline the changes in regulations, provide practical solutions, and answer questions.

"Thom has donated countless hours to reviewing and condensing the state's crane rules into something that our members can turn into action on a jobsite," McGarry added. "It's an understatement to say that Thom has a large amount of technical knowledge about cranes. And he did all this work on the regs and easily could have kept it to himself for the benefit of his company. But instead he freely shared the knowledge with AGC members and helped AGC Safety staff develop tools for the industry."

Sicklesteel's belief in safety demands no less.

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