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Saluting Safety

Ragsdale Congratulates Denark For National Award

Knox County Executive Mike Ragsdale today congratulated Denark Construction of Knoxville for winning the 2003 Grand Award for Construction Safety Excellence at the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) Annual Convention.

Denark is the first Tennessee general contractor to receive the national award.

"When we have someone right here who is acknowledged as the best there is, we need to all take notice," said Ragsdale. "The fact the award is for making sure their employees are safe helps set a high standard for everyone in the community."

"We're deeply appreciative of the award," said Raja Jubran, Denark's Chief Executive Officer. "More than that, we appreciate the efforts of every member of the Denark team in making safety a top priority."

"To compete against some of the premier construction firms in America and be recognized this way says a lot about our people," said Frank Rothermel, company president. "Safety and quality are always top of mind."

Ragsdale noted that both Jubran and Rothermel serve on numerous not for profit organization boards. In fact, Jubran has served as President of the Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership for the past two years.

"For them to give so much time to the community while running the safest construction firm in America says a lot about these men," said Ragsdale.

Denark Construction, Inc. is a full-service general contractor/design-builder/construction manager with over a half billion dollars in commercial, industrial, and institutional contracts since its launch in 1985.

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