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THREE CONTRACTORS AWARDED FOR BEST INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS *B.I.T.S of Genius Presented at AGC's 86th Annual Convention*

Las Vegas- The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) announced the 2005 winners of the Best Information Technology Solutions (BITS) Contest, a competition featuring the newest technology-driven business applications for contractors across America. The award winners, chosen at AGC's 86th Annual Convention, presented cutting-edge solutions that met their growing information technology needs.

Since its beginning in 2002, the B.I.T.S Contest has evolved into an invaluable resource for helping contractors maximize the benefits of software already on the market as well as showcasing new software developed for contractors.

"These industry-leaders have incorporated the best in creative and innovative technology solutions to common business problems," said AGC CEO Stephen E. Sandherr.

The 2005 B.I.T.S Contest Winners include:

- **First Place**—Clancy & Theys, Raleigh, N.C., for *Field2Base*
Field2Base is a new wireless technology tool that enabled Clancy & Theys' field-based superintendent to instantly convey project information to relevant parties via hand-drawn sketches, annotated digital photos, annotated CAD files, automated paper forms or combinations thereof, which saved the company time and increased the quality of communication between the design team and the field superintendent. They were awarded roundtrip airfare for two to AGC's 2006 Annual Convention in New Orleans, La., and cajun dining for two.
- **Second Place**—Walsh Construction Company, Portland, Ore., for *Risk Management System*
The Risk Management System was designed to help ensure that the burden of liability is upheld by those responsible, not assumed by the organization contracting the work.
- **Third Place**—Ainsworth-Benning Construction, Inc., Spearfish, S.D. for *Firesafe*
Firesafe is the upgraded version of HRSIplus, the 2004 Best Information Technology Solution and is a Web-based system allowing Ainsworth-Benning to share HR and safety information with all of their project managers and superintendents.

Gary Newell, Chairman of the Electronic Information Systems Committee hosted the event and Rick Andritsch, Vice President of Business Development, Voss Jorgensen Schueler Company, Paul Hoffman, Managing Member, Hoffman Construction, and Mike Dunham, Executive Vice President of the Georgia Branch of AGC, served as judges for the presentations.

AGC is the largest and oldest national construction trade association in the United States. AGC represents more than 33,000 firms, including 7,000 of America's leading general contractors, and over 12,000 specialty-contracting firms. Over 14,000 service providers and suppliers are associated with AGC through a nationwide network of chapters. Visit the AGC Web site at www.agc.org. AGC members are "Building Your Quality of Life."

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