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LAUREN RECEIVES THIRD CONSECUTIVE STEP DIAMOND AWARD FROM ABC

ABILENE, TX, MAY 6, 2013: For the third year in a row, Lauren Engineers & Constructors has earned the STEP Diamond Award from Associated Builders and Contractors. This award is presented annually to a small group of contractors who, through a highly competitive selection process, are chosen based on their ability to consistently deliver industry-leading safety results.

ABC's Safety Training and Evaluation Process (STEP) awards recognize member companies based on 20 key elements of contractor safety programs, such as management commitment, pre-planning for safety on jobsites, safety training and resources committed to safety. Pat Dunwoody, Vice President of Education for ABC, states that companies who earn the STEP Diamond Award demonstrate "injury recordable and lost time rates lower than the national average."

Since the inception of the STEP Awards system, less than seven percent of applicants have been presented the Diamond Award, which confirms Lauren's status as one of the industry's safest contractors. Lauren takes pride in both the company's rigorous safety program and its employees' devotion to safety in the workplace. These high standards have helped Lauren log over 8.5 million manhours during a five-year span with no lost time injuries.

The STEP Awards will be presented at a ceremony for members in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 20.

About Lauren:

Lauren provides engineering, procurement and construction services throughout a variety of heavy-industrial markets, including Power Generation, Chemical/Process, and Oil & Gas. For more information about Lauren, please visit us online at www.laurenec.com.

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