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CHOATE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY EARNS NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION AWARD FROM ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) today announced that Choate Construction Company’s work on the zMAX Dragway, Concord, USA in Concord, N.C., has earned the company an Eagle Award in the Other Construction - \$2-million - \$10-million category of ABC’s Excellence in Construction Awards. Choate Construction Company’s representatives received the award June 24 during the 19th annual Excellence in Construction Awards celebration at the Renaissance Hotel in Washington, D.C.

“ABC congratulates Choate Construction Company for its exceptional work on the zMAX Dragway,” said Kirk Pickerel, ABC president and CEO. “This project is an outstanding example of the innovation and commitment to superior craftsmanship that embody merit shop construction. It is a pleasure to honor this project with the association’s top construction excellence award.”

The Excellence in Construction awards program is the industry’s leading competition, developed to honor innovative and high-quality merit shop construction projects and safety programs. The award honors all construction team members, including the contractor, owner, architect and engineer. The winning projects, selected from entries submitted from across the nation, were judged on complexity, attractiveness, unique challenges overcome, completion time, workmanship, innovation, safety and cost.

This year's competition was open to all construction projects completed by ABC member firms during 2008.

In an ambitious seven-month timeframe, Choate managed a complex master schedule to build spectator space and the only all-concrete, four-lane dragstrip in the United States.

A panel of industry experts served as the competition’s judges. This year's panel included representatives from the Design-Build Institute of America, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Surety & Fidelity Association of America, *Engineering News-Record* and representatives from higher education, among others.

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