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### **Hardin Recognized As 2009**

### **Accredited Quality Contractor**

National program cites safety, employee training, other qualities

**ATLANTA, GA** – August 24, 2009 — Atlanta-based Hardin Construction Company, LLC has earned the coveted **Accredited Quality Contractor (AQC)** designation from one of the nation’s leading construction industry organizations.

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), representing 23,000 companies, recognized Hardin among the approximately 300 companies nationally that earned AQC certification for 2009.

Launched by ABC in 1993, the Accredited Quality Contractor Program honors construction firms that have documented their commitment in four areas of corporate responsibility: safety, employee benefits, training and community relations.

“Hardin is honored to have earned a place on the list of Accredited Quality Contractors, as well as recognition for corporate responsibility by one of the premier organizations in the construction industry,” said Hardin Chairman Brantley Barrow. “The areas of corporate responsibility cited by AQC also include some of the core values of Hardin

Construction. Earning AQC certification is a testament to the commitment of our associates to making these ideals an everyday reality.”

### **Nationally recognized for safety**

Hardin is nationally recognized for its safety performance and for overall excellence in construction.

The company is cited annually by industry organizations and regulators—from ABC and the Construction Users Roundtable, to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)—as having one of the best safety performance records.

For example, since 1995 Hardin has consistently achieved OSHA recordable injury and lost time injury rates that are 15% and 35% of the national averages, respectively. Hardin has a Worker’s Compensation EMR (Experience Modification Rate)—used by insurers to determine worker’s compensation premiums, based on safety performance—that is consistently 35% to 45% less than the national average.

### **AQC follows national Excellence in Construction Award**

Over the past five years, Hardin has received more than 40 Excellence in Construction awards from the local and national chapters of ABC.

ABC’s Excellence in Construction program honors innovative and high-quality merit shop construction and safety programs.

The AQC designation was Hardin’s second ABC national honor this summer. In June, Hardin captured the prestigious ABC Eagle Award for Excellence in Construction for its role in the 10 Terminus condominium project in Atlanta. The 10 Terminus project earned the Eagle—ABC’s top construction-excellence award—in the category of Residential-Multi-Family Projects and Condominiums.

## **About Hardin Construction**

Founded in 1946, Hardin Construction Company, LLC is a leading general contractor and construction manager in the United States and has consistently been in the forefront of safety and sustainable practices in its industry for years. With offices in Atlanta, Ga., Tampa, Fla., Orlando, Fla., Raleigh, N.C., and Austin, Texas, Hardin Construction provides comprehensive construction services including general construction, construction management, design-build, and renovation. A privately-held company, Hardin Construction provides these services in markets such as retail, hospitality, residential, office, education, healthcare, public assembly, governmental and institutional. For more information, visit [www.hardinconstruction.com](http://www.hardinconstruction.com).

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