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## **Viking Construction named Accredited Quality Contractor by ABC, achieving premiere status in construction safety, education and culture**

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Bridgeport, CT Viking Construction has been named an Accredited Quality Contractor by Associated Builders and Contractors, the second year it has earned the credential for its commitment to corporate responsibility. Only 450 of the nation's merit shop construction contractors earned the credential in 2022.

Launched nearly 30 years ago, ABC's AQC program provides recognition to world-class construction firms that have documented their commitment in five areas: Quality, safety performance, talent management, and inclusion, diversity and equity, craft and management education, and community relations

"The values outlined in the AQC program have always been in line with our values at Viking, so this continued recognition is extremely meaningful to us," said Anthony Gaglio Sr., president of Viking. "Of course, this designation is truly a reflection of the entire Viking team which is dedicated to delivering outstanding work for every client, creating a welcoming and productive workplace, and making our world a better place."

"Accredited Quality Contractors set the standard in the contracting community in safety, culture, workforce development, innovation, diversity and quality," said 2022 ABC national chair of the board of directors Stephanie Schmidt, president of Poole Anderson Construction, State College, Penn. "Congratulations to this high-performing construction company. Daily, the leaders and employees of Viking Construction commit to the highest level of corporate and community achievement, exemplifying the best about ABC membership."

In earning the AQC credential, each member company commits to world-class safety by achieving Gold, Platinum or Diamond level in ABC's STEP Safety Management System. Founded more than three decades ago, STEP dramatically improves safety performance among construction industry participants, with top performers achieving incident rates more than eight times safer than the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics industry average.

AQC members also take the following pledge:

As an Accredited Quality Contractor, our company is committed to providing our clients with the highest quality construction services, and we care deeply about our employees and the communities

in which we build. We are proud to be part of the construction industry and are dedicated to the principles of free enterprise. We commit ourselves to serve our communities and provide our employees with the skills they need to work safely and productively in order to meet the needs of our clients.

AQC is recognized by Construction Users Roundtable, an organization founded by leading construction project owners.

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