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Behlen Wins Prestigious Safety Award Fourth Year in a Row

COLUMBUS, NE - For the fourth consecutive year, Behlen Building Systems was recognized with an industry Safety Award from the Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA), a national building industry association. Each year MBMA recognizes metal building systems manufacturers who show exceptional commitment to assuring workplace safety. Safety Awards were presented at the MBMA Annual Meeting held December 9-10, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. The MBMA has been serving metal building systems manufacturers and suppliers for 52 years. Its membership represents more than \$3 billion in annual steel shipments and accounts for approximately 41% of the total non-residential low-rise construction market in the United States. Behlen received the Bronze award, continuing the four-year streak of being honored with this notable achievement.

“Analyzing data submitted by our member companies, MBMA used OSHA guidelines to compare award entrants’ safety scores to other companies with similar exposure to accidents,” states Charles E. Praeger, Assistant General Manager of MBMA.

From the 51 manufacturing facilities nationwide that submitted data, 26 awards were presented. The MBMA patterns the awards program to conform to OSHA safety standards. MBMA’s criteria stipulates that winning firms must have work-related accident and illness rates that are significantly below OSHA-reported averages for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 332311, which is Prefabricated Metal Building and Component Manufacturing.

Tom Wrigley, VP of Manufacturing for Behlen Building Systems, congratulated the team by saying, “We believe this award validates our culture, and our desire to put safety first.” Tom added, “We’re honored to receive this recognition and are looking forward to continuing our commitment to working safely in 2009.”

Phil Raimondo, Behlen CEO, accepted the award on behalf of the Behlen team. Other news from that meeting included the announcement that Phil will serve as Chairman of the association’s Executive Committee in 2009.

