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Conrad Industries Honored with Shipbuilders Council of America's *Excellence in Safety* Award

MORGAN CITY – The [Shipbuilders Council of America \(SCA\)](#), the national association representing the U.S. shipbuilding, maintenance, and repair industry, today announced Conrad Industries, Inc, parent company of Conrad Shipyard, received SCA's annual "Excellence in Safety" Award which is given for performance for the 2024 calendar year, honoring the shipyard for its enhancement of operations and promotion of safety and accident prevention.

Recognized for its ongoing efforts to enhance workplace safety, Conrad Shipyard is one of 14 shipyards recognized for advancing employee protection standards across the shipbuilding industry.

"Safety is not just a regulatory requirement—it's the fundamental pillar of operational success in the shipbuilding and ship repair industry," **said Matthew Paxton, President of the Shipbuilders Council of America.** "Our workforce is the industry's greatest asset, and prioritizing their safety ensures we continue delivering for our national security, commercial needs, and economic resilience. Conrad Shipyard's recognition reflects the leadership and accountability that not only strengthens individual shipyards but also elevates safety standards across the entire industry."

"Earning these prestigious safety awards year-over-year is a reflection of the commitment to our focus on Goal Zero which is demonstrated daily by our team. Our strong safety culture is rooted in our core values that go back over 75 years and focuses on every individual taking ownership of their own safety and that of their colleagues. We remain steadfast in our commitment to

protecting our workforce and the environment and truly believe achieving zero incidents or impact is possible,” said **Johnny Conrad, Executive Chairman of Conrad Industries, Inc.**

Over the past decade, the shipbuilding industry has consistently reduced recordable injuries, reflecting a strong commitment to workplace safety. This focus has enabled U.S. shipyards to remain resilient and responsive in the face of ongoing challenges, maintaining operations without compromising employee well-being.

To qualify for an annual SCA Safety Award, member shipyards must submit injury and illness data for all four quarters, report zero fatalities within the year, and either achieve a total recordable incident rate (TRIR) below the SCA average or reduce their TRIR by at least 10 percent compared to the previous year.

About SCA

Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA) members constitute the shipyard industrial base that builds, repairs, maintains and modernizes U.S. Navy ships and craft, U.S. Coast Guard vessels of all sizes, as well as vessels for other U.S. government agencies. In addition, SCA members build, repair and service America’s fleet of commercial vessels. The Council represents 40 companies that own and operate over 82 shipyards, with facilities on all three U.S. coasts, the Great Lakes, the inland waterways system, Alaska and Hawaii. SCA also represents 87 partner members that provide goods and services to the shipyard industry. You can learn more by visiting <https://shipbuildersusa.org/>.

About Conrad Industries

Conrad Industries, Inc., established in 1948 and headquartered in Morgan City, Louisiana, designs, builds and overhauls barges, dredges and dredge support equipment, tugboats, ferries, drydocks, liftboats, offshore supply vessels and other steel products for both the commercial and government markets. The company provides both repair and new construction services at its five shipyards located in southern Louisiana and Texas. You can learn more by visiting <https://www.conradindustries.com/>.

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