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## **Conrad Shipyard Honored with WEDA Safety Excellence Award for Dredging Trade Partner Performance**

**Morgan City, LA – [July 21, 2025]** — Conrad Shipyard proudly announces it has been awarded the **Western Dredging Association (WEDA) Safety Excellence Award** in the **Dredging Trade Partner** category. This prestigious recognition highlights Conrad's unwavering commitment to safety, operational excellence, and its longstanding partnership with the U.S. dredging industry. Presented during the 2025 WEDA Annual Dredging Summit & Expo, the award celebrates companies who demonstrate outstanding safety performance and continuous improvement in protecting personnel, property, and the environment. Conrad was recognized for its exemplary safety record, employee training programs, and proactive safety culture across its shipbuilding and repair operations. Accepting the award at the conference were Daniel Conrad and Robert Socha.

"We are honored to receive this award from WEDA," said **Johnny Conrad, Executive Chairman Conrad Shipyard**. "Safety is at the core of everything we do. This recognition is a testament to the dedication and vigilance of our entire workforce and our commitment to supporting our dredging partners with high-quality, safe, and reliable vessels."

With decades of experience in constructing and repairing dredging equipment and vessels, Conrad Shipyard has built a reputation as a trusted partner in the maritime industry. The company's comprehensive safety initiatives include leadership development, routine audits, training, and employee-driven hazard recognition and prevention programs.

Conrad Shipyard remains committed to continuous improvement and innovation in safety practices, ensuring the highest standards for its clients and team members alike.

### **About Conrad Shipyard**

Conrad Shipyard, established in 1948, is a premier Gulf Coast-based shipbuilder, delivering high-quality vessels to commercial and governmental customers. With five strategically located facilities, Conrad specializes in the construction, repair, and conversion of a wide range of marine vessels, including those serving the dredging, offshore, inland, and environmental industries.

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*Pictured (L to R), Stanley Ekren, VP Manager Rivers & Lakes Division (GLDD), Dan Conrad, Senior Vice President (Conrad Shipyard), Robert Socha, Vice President Sales & Marketing (Conrad Shipyard), Julie Hile (The Hile Group)*

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