



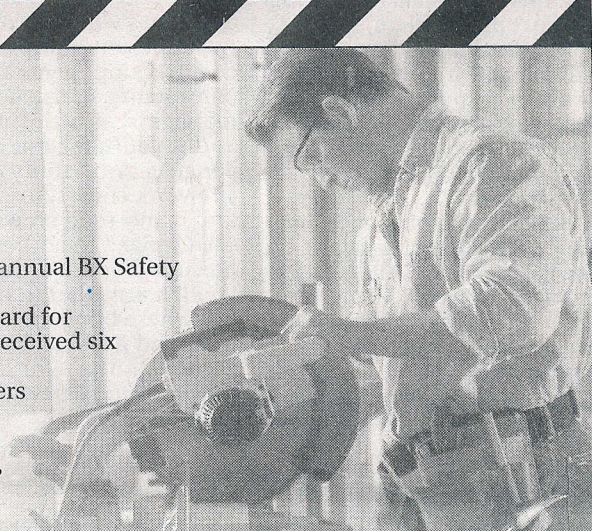
Companies recognized for SAFETY EXCELLENCE

The Builders Exchange recently announced the winners of the twelfth annual BX Safety Recognition Program.

Twenty-six companies were honored with a BX Safety Achievement Award for outstanding safety statistics and jobsite performance, and five companies received six total BX Safety Innovation Awards for unique safety practices.

This is the third in a series of several articles honoring the award winners who will be formally recognized at the BX Annual Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Aladdin Temple, 3850 Stelzer Rd.

For more information about the BX Safety Awards, visit the BX website, or call Mary Logan at the Exchange.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THREE BX SAFETY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

Echo 24, Inc.

G Force Automatic Doors, LLC

Gilbane Building Company



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- **Type of work:** Echo 24, Inc. is a telecommunications cabling/ equipment installation and maintenance contractor.
- **Senior leadership:** Anthony and Lisa Gunter, owners
- **Safety staff:** Lewis Canter, safety coordinator and a six-member Safety Involvement Team
- **Average number of employees:** 40
- **Year the company was founded:** 2001
- **Company facts:** In six years of conducting business, Echo 24 has experienced only one lost-workday due to a work-related injury.
- **BX safety accolades:** This is the first BX safety award Echo has received.
- **Company comments:** "We often have to educate our prospective customers on the safety ramifications of our work. It is very common to find that our competitor's price is cheaper because they take shortcuts with safety. The message is that of price versus value. Their price may be lower, but does taking risks with safety bring long-term value? Our customers are getting this message and this is causing our competitors to take notice," said Anthony Gunter, owner.

- **Type of work:** G Force Automatic Doors is a commercial automatic door installer and service provider.
- **Senior leadership:** Andrew Gum, president
- **Safety staff:** Vince Donohoe, production and safety manager
- **Average number of employees:** 2
- **Year the company was founded:** 2003
- **Company facts:** G Force is an active affiliate of Thomas Glass Company, Inc. Thomas Glass is a family-owned business based in Central Ohio, with another affiliate Athens Glass Service.
- **BX safety accolades:** G Force Automatic Doors is being recognized with the company's second BX Safety Award.
- **Company comments:** "Our company is small in nature, but large in size of safety focus. Each person takes their position within the company seriously and works to ensure everyone, including customers remain safe. G Force Automatic Doors maintains a strong leadership team that is safety focused toward the team of employees and the customers. The safety program provides the foundation of this accomplishment," said Andy Gum, president.

- **Type of work:** Gilbane Building Company is a construction manager.
- **Senior leadership:** Thomas F. Gilbane Jr., chairman and CEO, William J. Gilbane Jr., president and COO and Thomas W. Laird, senior vice president and regional manager in charge of the Central Region office in Columbus, Mark D. Cunningham, project executive responsible for operations
- **Safety staff:** Tony O'Dea, corporate safety director and Pat McMillen, safety manager for the Central Region
- **Average number of employees:** 112 in the Central Region and 1,800 nationwide.
- **Year the company was founded:** 1873
- **Company facts:** Gilbane is based in Providence, RI, with nine regional offices throughout the country, including the Central Region Office.
- **BX safety accolades:** This is the tenth BX safety award Gilbane has received.
- **Company comments:** "The amount of safety training that Gilbane's staff achieve is key to our safety program. Without the belief in safety from all Gilbane's personnel, our safety plan means nothing. We have an expectation that everyone on site will consider safety in every single action," said Mark Cunningham, project executive responsible for operations.