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**LOUISIANA ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS RECEIVES NASCLA'S  
5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL *COMMUNITY SERVICE IN CONTRACTING AWARD***

**PHOENIX, AZ – October 7, 2009**

The National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) is pleased to announce that the Louisiana Associated General Contractors are the winners of the 2009 *Community Service in Contracting Award*.

This national award was created as a way for NASCLA and its many members to recognize the positive impact that contractor and construction related associations have on their communities. All too often homeowners and consumers hear the “bad” stories about contractors. With this award, NASCLA showcases the countless hours and efforts that contractors and construction related associations make by raising funds, contributing time, labor and materials to charities.

Louisiana Associated General Contractors is the only Louisiana statewide, full-service construction trade association representing more than 700 general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and service firms throughout Louisiana. Formed in 1949, Louisiana AGC is one of 96 chapters of the 33,000-member Associated General Contractors of America.

Louisiana AGC's mission is to be the voice of the Louisiana construction industry. The association offers a full range of services to its members to help them succeed and improve in their day-to-day operations.

The Louisiana Associated General Contractors promoted excellent community relations throughout the year by sponsoring charitable events and participating in community projects.

In 2008, Louisiana Associated General Contractors raised and donated over \$60,000 to support numerous charitable organizations around the state, as well as offer scholarships to college students majoring in construction management.

Events throughout 2008 included three golf tournaments raising money for Special Olympics, the University of Louisiana at Monroe School of Construction, and students in the construction and engineering program in Central Louisiana. Two checks totaling \$11,800 were also presented to The Children's Miracle Network of Christus Saint Patrick's Hospital and The Southwest Louisiana Autism Society of America. These proceeds were raised from the Lake Charles District's Annual Charity Sporting Clay Shoots.

Ken Naquin, CEO from the Louisiana Associated General Contractors accepted NASCLA's *Community Service in Contracting Award* on behalf of the LAGC on Friday, September 18, 2009 at NASCLA's 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Banquet and Installation of Officers at the Union Station Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

For more information on NASCLA and the *Community Service in Contracting Award*, please visit our website at [www.nascla.org](http://www.nascla.org) or contact the association headquarters at (623) 587-9354.