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NEBRASKA BUILDING CHAPTER

THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

2025 Quality People Awards

And the winners are . . .

*The **Tradesperson Award** recognizes someone with five or more years of experience that is currently working in the field, who not only knows their tradecraft but is keen to develop it further, shows a commitment to their career and to the industry.*

2025 Tradesperson Award



Rod Hartman, Kiewit Building Group Inc.

Rod has served as general carpenter foreman for 13 years, with 30 years in the construction industry. He consistently demonstrates exceptional leadership, craftsmanship and dedication to safety and quality. His work has been primarily focused on healthcare projects, where precision, compliance and client satisfaction are paramount. Every project he has led has been completed safely, on schedule and to the highest standards – earning praise from clients and project teams alike. His professionalism, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence make him an invaluable asset to any team.

The Groundbreaker Award recognizes an individual with five or less years of experience that demonstrates innovation, is a trendsetter and a developing leader.

2025 Groundbreaker Award



Cole Kalkowski, MCL Construction

Cole is an innovative leader whose contributions have fundamentally changed how MCL approaches sustainability and job site operations. His vision, technical experience and ability turn bold ideas into practice, safe and impactful solutions. Cole's outstanding contribution lies in his ability to merge sustainability with safety and functionality. MCL's solar array system now allows project trailers to operate as net-zero facilities, setting a new industry standard for environmentally responsible and safe construction practices.

The Mentor Award recognizes a front-line manager that supports the professional growth of other employees and inspires everyone to reach their full potential.

2025 Mentor Award



Jen Cowher, Kingery Construction Co.

Jen embodies the highest standards of mentorship, leadership and advocacy in the construction industry. With more than 20 years of experience, she not only delivers excellence on her projects but also invests deeply in the growth of those around her. Jen takes the time to understand her interns' strengths and aspirations, providing tailored guidance that inspires confidence and challenges them to reach their full potential. Her approach creates an environment where young professionals thrive, equipping them with the skills, resilience, and passion needed to succeed. Jen's dedication, integrity and far-reaching impact make her truly the 'best of the best.'

*The **Innovator Award** honors those that contribute innovation, creativity, skills and integrity to projects consistently, along with being a good role model and promotor of construction careers.*

2025 Innovator Award



Bill Barritt, Beckenhauer Construction, Inc.

Bill joined Beckenhauer as a project manager and now serves as Vice President of Preconstruction. 'When Bill made the move to preconstruction, the results helped set Beckenhauer apart. Bill's hard work, problem-solving, and drive to explore new processes, technologies and techniques are evident throughout the company,' says Joe Beckenhauer, President. Bill's hands-on approach, integrity and passion for advancing construction methods make him a trusted mentor and powerful example for the next generation.

The Community Support Award recognizes a member that uses their talents and leadership in and out of their workplace to support, promote and move the industry forward.

2025 Community Supporter Award



Mary Jo Hamik, Beckenhauer Construction, Inc.

As a founding member of the BCI Beyond Grant Committee, Mary Jo has been instrumental in shaping its mission and extending its impact to local causes. For many years, she has managed the BCI employee Christmas giving fund, showcasing her commitment to fostering generosity and support for those in need. In addition, she provides weekly community events, updates, strengthening staff inclusivity and building meaningful connections between the company and the communities they serve. Her generosity, leadership and community focus is unparalleled!



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This program is designed by the Nebraska Building Chapter's Board of Directors to celebrate and recognize the achievements of individuals who "go above and beyond" in their communities, profession, or company.