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ST. LOUIS, MO – October 1-- **The Safety and Risk Management Council (SRMC)** of the [American Society of Concrete Contractors \(ASCC\)](http://www.ascconline.org), St. Louis, is pleased to announce that Tim Manherz, senior vice president of operations, TAS Commercial Concrete, Houston, TX, is this year's recipient of the **ASCC Member Owner Safety Award**, presented September 20 at the association's Annual Conference in Charlotte. The purpose is to annually recognize one owner/executive of a contractor member company that displays a clear focus and passion for safety, and provides the leadership that creates a best-in-class safety culture.

Manherz received a B.S. in construction from Arizona State University where he graduated with honors and was named "Outstanding Graduate" of his class. He is a member of the ASCC board of directors and current president of the Tilt-Up Concrete Association.

TAS works over 3,000,000 man hours annually. For the past three years they have had an RIR average of 1.9 and an average EMR of 0.45. In nominating Tim, TAS' employees wrote, "Safety has always been priority for TAS management, with Tim as one of the TAS Safety Team's biggest champions. Tim is the live wire conducting the energy that binds production and safety into a unified force at TAS, now operating in Houston, Dallas, and several cities in central Texas. His close work with, and mentorship to the Safety Team, ensures a constant line of

communication between production and safety, thus facilitating a unity of action that ultimately benefits every TAS employee.”

This award is in keeping with Goal #1 of the ASCC Strategic Plan: *Increase the Number of Contractor Member Owners Who Truly Demonstrate a Personal Commitment to Safety.*

“Strong safety cultures thrive in organizations where leaders take an active role,” says Mike Schneider, SRMC council director. “Contractor member owners that understand this know that building a true safety culture begins and ends with them: the priorities they set, the choices they make and their expectations of others. It requires effort and commitment from the top, but employees will tell you that it makes a difference.”

The [Safety and Risk Management Council \(SRMC\)](#) is a specialty council dedicated to making ASCC contractors the safest in the industry. The Council board consists of safety and insurance professionals from all aspects of the concrete contracting industry. The group meets three times a year and spends countless additional hours overseeing safety matters for the organization. Council activities include publication development, review and monitoring of ASCC events and materials for safety compliance, member education, a safety awards program, and a safety/insurance hotline.

The ASCC is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the capabilities of those who build with concrete, and to providing them a unified voice in the construction industry. Members include concrete contracting firms, manufacturers, suppliers and others interested in the concrete industry, such as architects, specifiers and distributors. There are approximately 730 member companies in the United States and 11 foreign countries. For more information visit the web site at www.asconline.org or call (866) 788-2722.