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Coatings Unlimited, Inc. Wins International Safety Award

Chicago – Coatings Unlimited, Inc., an industrial painting company based out of St. Louis, MO, earned an international award for safety excellence this past Friday evening during the FCA International Awards Ceremony in Chicago. The FCA CREST Awards are given by FCA International (an international construction contractor association that represents more than 7,000 signatory contractors throughout North America) to those contractors who prove to be the safest contractors in their respective crafts. This was Coatings Unlimited's first CREST Award win.

"The FCA CREST Awards were created to encourage and recognize contractors who have led an effective safety program throughout the year," explained Anthony Darkangelo, CEO of FCA International. "CREST Award winners have proven that protecting their employees is a priority at their company, and that they are a leader in construction safety."

This was Coatings Unlimited's first year entering the FCA Crest Awards. One of Coatings Unlimited's key leaders is its vice president, Steve Philipp, Jr.

"Our people are what make our safety program work. Rank and file personnel, supervisors in the field, support persons at the office and management... they are what allow us to run such an excellent safety program," Mr. Philipp explained when asked about the reasons for his company's success in the CREST Awards. "We have initiated, developed and internalized a safety culture that demonstrates to all that we care and take safety seriously. To us, safety is more than a slogan on a t-shirt or a buzzword in meetings."

The FCA CREST Awards were started in 2011 with a simple mission: encourage and recognize excellence in safety training. Awarded by FCA International, winners are objectively selected based on key safety metrics such as years the company has had a safety program, safety training, injury/illness rates, recordable incident rates, EMR trends, etc. Winners earn the right to say they are the safest contractor in their respective category.

About Coatings Unlimited, Inc.

Coatings Unlimited is an industrial specialty contractor that was established in 1954. Our goal on each project is to establish a long-term relationship with our client. We accomplish this by providing them with the latest in material technology and technical expertise. We draw from our deep internal knowledge base and our extensive relationships with skilled labor and industry vendors to provide a finished product of Industrial Coatings that delivers meticulous attention to quality, safety and performance. We have achieved the highest degree of quality recognition in our industry by becoming certified by the Society of Protecting Coatings as a QP 1 and QP 2 contractor. Visit www.coatingsunltd.com for more information.

About FCA International

FCA International represents the largest community of finishing contractors in North America. FCA membership is comprised of over 7,000 contractors engaged in architectural glass & metal, drywall finishing, flooring, industrial coating, painting & wallcovering and sign work. FCA contractors share a common mission – to provide their customers with the highest quality craftsmanship. FCA contractor members work with the best-trained, safest and most productive craftsmen in the industry.

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