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The Association of Geohazard Professionals Announce Rope Access Safety Recognition Recipients for 2019

Association of Geohazard Professionals recognizes [Acadia Mountain Guides Climbing School](#), [California Department of Transportation](#), [GeoStabilization International®](#), [Global Mountain Solutions](#), [GZA GeoEnvironmental](#), [McMillen Jacobs Associates](#), [Washington State Department of Transportation](#), and [Yeh and Associates, Inc.](#) The recognition, honoring best-in-class safety development and implementation initiatives within the geohazard industry, distinguishes companies that foster & employ safe rope access work procedures, provide education & training to their personnel, and commit to enhancing the safety culture within their organizations. Criteria for consideration included:

- lowest TRC rate
- minimum combined 85-point score in leading and trailing safety indicator categories
- lowest Days Away and Restricted duty/job Transfer case (DART) rate.

Each applicants' safety program and performance metrics were reviewed, including Total Incident Rates and Lost Time / Modified Duty Rates statistics. Additionally, management involvement & commitment to the firm's safety program, written rope access safety procedures, and adherence to industry best practices were examined.

"We are very pleased to recognize these companies for their exemplary dedication to safety," states Ahren Bichler of Trumer Schutzbauten Canada Ltd and AGHP President. "In every way, these organizations are great examples of the safety leaders in our industry. The recognition provides owners and procurers of geohazard mitigation requiring rope access techniques confidence that the complex and dangerous tasks will be undertaken in a safe and professional manner."

In only the second year of this award's existence, the Association doubled the number of recognized companies, proving that this recognition initiative is taking hold and enhancing the safety attitude within the industry.

Ahren Bichler,
President of the Association of Geohazard Professionals
General Manager, Trumer Schutzbauten Canada

For more information on the Rope Access Safety Awards, click [here](#). Applications for the 2020 awards will open in April 2020. To learn more about the Association of Geohazard Professionals and become a member, click [here](#).

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About the Association of Geohazard Professionals

The Association of Geohazard Professionals (AGHP) was created in 2013 to support the development of standards, specifications, and best practices concerning the design and implementation of geohazard-related technologies and products; and to support and provide education to the geohazard community and those it serves. Manufacturers, engineers, agency personnel, contractors and all others interacting with geohazards design, installation and implementation are invited to join the association and contribute to the achievement of our goals.