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## **Southwest Shipyard LP Receives Two National Shipbuilders Safety Awards**

**HOUSTON** – The **Shipbuilders Council of America (SCA)** announced Southwest Shipyard LP of Texas, received both of SCA's prestigious *Excellence in Safety* and its *Improvement in Safety* awards. SCA, the national association representing the U.S. shipyard industry, honors companies annually with safety awards for enhancement of operations and promotion of safety and accident prevention.

Through their proactive approaches and dedication to improved safety and health of their employees, Southwest Shipyard LP is one of 19 SCA member companies to receive awards for their continued advancement of employee safety in the shipyard industry.

SCA member companies are eligible for both the *Excellence and Improvement in Safety Awards* if they submit the SCA Injury & Illness survey for all four quarters, have zero fatalities throughout the year and if their recordable incident rate (TRIR) is below the SCA aggregate – 3.75 percent or if they reduce their year-on-year TRIR by 10 percent or more.

"Safety is a critical pillar of the U.S. shipyard industry - every shipyard, no matter the size – requires critical safety measure to keep their team members safe. The commitment by this industry to safety has been demonstrated through the incredible reduction in the industry's overall total recordable incident rate (TRIR), which has been steadily declining over the last 30 years. We are proud to recognize these companies and their employees for their accomplishments in safety this year," **said Matthew Paxton, President of the SCA.**

"As a repeat winner, Southwest Shipyard prides itself on the safety culture & practices put into place some time ago. Every employee & worker is "bought in" to our culture, practices & protocols and it shows in our safety record. Our team believes whole heartedly, from the top to the bottom, that in everything we do, safety is first & foremost. Thanks to the SCA for these recognitions" **said Brian Blanchard, Vice-President of Health, Safety & Homeland Security for Southwest Shipyard.**

The awards were presented during the SCA annual meeting in Washington, D.C. on May 17, 2018. The event saw the attendance of nearly 100 participants to discuss the status of the U.S. shipbuilding and repair industry and to bring awareness to the U.S. Congress of the industry's critical role in national and economic security.

SCA members constitute the shipyard industrial base that builds, repairs, maintains and modernizes U.S. Navy ships and craft, U.S. Coast Guard vessels of all sizes, as well as vessels for other U.S. government agencies. In addition, SCA members build, repair and service America's fleet of commercial vessels.

The Council represents 41 companies that own and operate over 80 shipyards, with facilities on all three U.S. coasts, the Great Lakes, the inland waterways system, Alaska and Hawaii. SCA also represents 110 partner members that provide goods, services and engineering to the shipyard industry.

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