



2004 CONTRACTOR OF THE YEAR

ABC National on February 26 named Empire State ABC Member Dennis Weller of Structural Associates as its 2004 Contractor of the Year. The ABC Contractor of the Year Award, the highest member award given by ABC National, is presented annually to the ABC member, who through his or her performance, has achieved significant accomplishments for the construction industry, the Merit Shop and ABC. There is no more deserving recipient of this award than Dennis Weller, and those of you lucky enough to know or do business with Dennis would undoubtedly agree. Dennis has devoted his entire professional career to construction, and has been involved with ABC and advocated for merit shop construction from the very beginning of that career. Since 1981, Dennis has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of ABC member firm STRUCTURAL ASSOCIATES, INC., a General Construction/Construction Management firm specializing in aviation-related construction projects, process work, and institutional/educational facilities.



His own professional career exemplifies the opportunities for growth available to individuals employed in merit construction. After graduating with a BS in Civil Engineering from Clarkson College of Technology in 1971, he went to work for a construction company as a project engineer, and worked his way up the ranks to become a company Vice President during his 8 years of employment there. So he's seen first hand the benefits of the merit shop approach in construction, and he has devoted the better part of his professional career to promoting and supporting the merit philosophy in construction. He has been a member of the Empire State ABC chapter since 1981, and has served in various leadership roles at both the state and national level, including Chapter President in 1990 and a Region 7 Vice Chairman and a member of ABC National's Executive Committee from 1998-2002. As a member of Empire State ABC, Dennis Weller's company, Structural Associates, epitomizes the tenets of merit construction, and the company has distinguished itself in the business community both locally, across New York State, and in the Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern States. The company's positive record of performance on construction projects speaks for itself. Empire State ABC is proud to represent Structural Associates in its continuing pursuit of the principles of merit construction, and we applaud ABC National's selection of Dennis Weller, President of Structural Associates, Inc. as the 2004 Contractor of the Year. The Empire State Chapter has never had a member chosen as ABC National Contractor of the Year since the inception of the award program 13 years ago. We are extremely proud of Dennis and wish him continued success in the years to come.

Congratulations Dennis!

