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## **HCI Industrial and Marine Coatings Inc. Wins International Safety Award**

Vancouver – HCI Industrial and Marine Coatings, Inc., a local industrial painting contractor, earned the international CREST Safety Award at the recent Finishing Contractors Association (FCA) conference in Chicago. The FCA CREST Safety Award recognizes contractors who are leaders in safety and have proven that protecting their employees is a priority at their company. This was HCI Industrial and Marine Coating's third consecutive international win in the category of industrial contractors with 25,001 to 50,000 hours worked.

HCI Industrial and Marine Coatings, Inc. is led by president Kim Hasselbalch who is an active member of the Washington and Oregon construction industry and serves on the board of the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization. "HCI's mission statement is 'Safety, Quality and Production' in that order," according to Hasselbalch. "We have instilled in our employees that safety is a *value*, not merely a list of rules that a regulatory agency has mandated we follow. We convey to our personnel that there is always a way to do a difficult or hazardous task safely, and we are willing to invest the time and resources into them and provide the equipment and necessary materials for their protection."

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.

HCI Industrial Coatings, Inc. is an industrial and marine coating contractor that has operated out of Southwest Washington since 2005. They focus on providing customers with a very personal service with extremely high quality and productivity. The company's owners and managers are in the field to continuously monitor safety, quality and production for each project. According to Hasselbalch, "To exceed customer expectations, we run a highly organized, detail-oriented operation using the best craftsmen in the industry with an outstanding safety record. Visit [www.hci-coatings.com](http://www.hci-coatings.com) for more information.

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