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RIDGWAY FIRM EARNS THIRD STATEWIDE UTILITY CONTRACTORS
ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SAFETY AWARD

HARRISBURG (September XX, 2008) - Allegheny Contracting, LLC of Ridgway, Elk County was awarded its third Small Business Safety Award from the Pennsylvania Utility Contractors Association (PUCA).

Allegheny Contracting also won the 2004 and 2005 awards, for companies in the up to 50,000 man-hours annually category. The 2008 award was presented at the association's recent annual convention.

Allegheny Contracting was founded in 1997 by Brent Buehler as a one man, one vehicle operation. It now employs a team of 18 people and uses a fleet of excavation equipment and trucks to provide a variety of general contracting services to a broad customer base in Pennsylvania.

Much of the firm's work is in the private sector, working with utilities to replace deteriorated gas distribution lines. The company also serves the needs of the local oil producing industry with excavation and pipeline construction services. It has completed projects as diverse as school district running tracks and hiking trails as well.

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According to the company, maintaining a diverse customer base and focusing on customer service are among the keys to its growth, as well as its professional workforce, many of who have been with the company for several years.

The employees take pride in their appearance. Work crews wear uniform shirts and hats and maintain the fleet of equipment in clean and neat condition.

Allegheny Contracting also places a high emphasis on safety and is proud of the safety record of its dedicated employees.

As a result of keeping safety uppermost in everyone's minds every day, holding several safety meetings a year and routinely sending employees to professionally-sponsored safety training classes, the firm has had no lost time accidents in nearly two years.

PUCA is a statewide non-profit trade association, which represents more than 200 contractors and associates in the utility construction industry.

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