

## **Schulte Building Systems, Inc. Wins Prestigious MBMA Award**

**Hockley, TX: Schulte Building Systems, Inc. (SBS)** was recently recognized with an industry Safety Award from the Metal Building Manufacturers Association (MBMA), a national building industry association. Each year MBMA recognizes metal building systems manufacturers who show exceptional commitment to assuring workplace safety. Safety Awards were presented at the MBMA Spring Meeting held May 1-3, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas.

“A total of 46 plant facilities participated in MBMA's Quarterly OSHA Injury Statistics Program,” states Charles Praeger, Assistant General Manager of MBMA. “Awards were presented based on our analysis of the submitted data.”

MBMA re-vamped their long-standing Safety Awards Program in 2010. They first appointed a Steering Committee that recommended the establishment of a Safety Committee and the development of a new Safety Awards Program. The new program is patterned after OSHA safety rules. Their previous program had run from fourth quarter to third quarter each year. The Steering Committee changed this to an annual award based on a calendar year. “They toughened up the standards too,” says Praeger. In 2009, 29 plant facilities won awards. For 2010, 4 companies won the top awards. MBMA also created new awards that would recognize those firms who had achieved the greatest percentage in improved safety performance in various categories.

From the 46 manufacturing facilities nationwide that submitted data, 36 awards were presented – and some were given to multiple locations within the same company. MBMA patterned the awards program to conform to OSHA safety standards. MBMA's criteria, though, stipulate that winning firms must have work-related accident and illness rates that are significantly below OSHA-reported averages for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code 332311, which is Prefabricated Metal Building and Component Manufacturing.

MBMA ([www.mbma.com](http://www.mbma.com)) has served metal building systems manufacturers and suppliers for 54 years. Its membership represents more than \$1.6 billion in annual steel shipments and accounts for approximately 39% of the total non-residential, low-rise construction market in the United States. MBMA provides engineering leadership through the many research programs that it sponsors annually, often in coordination with major universities and engineering schools throughout North America. This research is used to improve the performance, efficiency and quality of metal building systems and to elevate the technology used to produce them.