

GUCC GOLDEN BACKHOE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION: Contest runs from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 of award year and is open to any overhead or subsurface crew (and their foreman), from any company involved in any type of excavation. Crew Definition: A group of people working on a common activity under one foreman.

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the form below in its entirety and return it to: GUCC Safety Chairman, Brett Brugh, On-Line Locating Services – bbrugh@onlinels.com or Co Chairman, Roy R Rogers, Blount Construction Company Inc.- roy.rogers@blountconstruction.com. Please e-mail your entry form to Brett or Roy. Nominations can be for different regions as long as a majority of your work is in that region. Nominations are open only to Georgia Contractors/Companies.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION FORMS TO BE RETURNED IS FEBRUARY 7, 2025.

Company Name _____ # of Crew Members _____

Region _____ Department/Division or Crew Submittal _____
(Each department/division/crew may enter separately)

Address _____ City _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

PLEASE ANSWER ALL OF THE QUESTIONS; EVERY QUESTION WILL HAVE WEIGHT ON THE OVERALL SCORE AS WELL AS THE ESSAY!!!

**ALL ANSWERS WILL BE VERIFIED BY EITHER GA PSC OR GA UPC OR BOTH
(APPLICATION VOID IF NOT COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY)**

1. Total number of tickets completed by Crew submitting for Award _____.
Exclude re-stakes, second request, and emergency tickets (subject to verification by Safety Committee).
2. Total number of at-fault utility damages from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 _____.
3. Number of Local Utility Coordinating Committee Meetings attended by a crew representative _____ out of a possible _____; Verified by the Secretary (or other Officer) of the Local UCC signature _____ (send a copy of verification letter from Local Secretary, Vice Chairman or Chairman).

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4. To receive points, has your crew or crew representative attended an approved GA 811 Dig Safely Class between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024?

YES DATE ATTENDED _____ NO
(For information on this class contact GA 811).

5. To receive points, has your crew or crew representative attended a training class by the Pipeline Safety group or Online Damage Prevention Competent Training Class through Georgia 811 on Safe Digging between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024?

YES DATE ATTENDED _____ NO
(For information on this class contact GA 811).

ESSAY:

Provide a word essay describing any special effort your crew has made toward “spreading the message of damage prevention”, including but not limited to, innovative measures to prevent damages to utilities, community outreach, new and successful ways to spread the message for damage prevention. **THE ESSAY MUST BE UNIQUE AND DESCRIBE WHAT AND WHY YOUR CREW IS A PROFESSIONAL TEAM AT DAMAGE PREVENTION.**

(DO NOT SUBMIT A PRESS RELEASE)

AWARD/REWARD INFORMATION

One company or company division/department/crew will receive the Golden Backhoe Award for each GUCC Region. From the 7 winners of the GUCC Regions, **ONE (1) OVERALL winners will be chosen for the Lester E. Feathers Damage Prevention Award.** All awards will be presented at the GUCC Annual Conference. A company representative will receive complimentary registration, plus room and board at the GUCC Fall Conference to receive the Lester E. Feathers Damage Prevention Award.

EMPLOYEE REWARD

The recipients (crew members) of the Regional Golden Backhoe Award will receive complimentary shirts.

The recipients (crew members) that receive the Lester E. Feathers Damage Prevention Award will receive complimentary jackets and attendance at a “Throw Down Luncheon” held in their honor.

Shirt & Jacket Sizes

We are requesting that you Provide a list of the crew members (names) along with their shirt and jacket sizes. **Please try and limit it to a max of 10 crew members** If you are NOT registered to attend the GUCC Conference and you plan to drive up the morning of the presentation, please advise how many breakfast tickets you will need for breakfast. Georgia 811 will no longer be holding an annual meeting luncheon, please note **LUNCH IS NOT PROVIDED.**

Name	Shirt Size	Jacket Size	Meal Tickets
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JUDGING

Judging will be by GUCC Safety Award Committee. Only one winner per GUCC Region and (1) [Lester E. Feathers Damage Prevention Award winner per year](#). The decision of the judges is final.

1/13/2025

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