

# GUCC GOLDEN BACKHOE AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Award Year: 2025

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Contest runs from January 1, through December 31 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 Committee Chairman, Matt Bergen – [mbergen@fayettecountyga.gov](mailto:mbergen@fayettecountyga.gov). Please e-mail your entry form to Matt Bergen. 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 JANUARY 31st.**

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 THE QUESTIONS; 1-UP TO 100 POINTS, 2-3 50 POSSIBLE POINTS FOR EACH QUESTION**

**ALL ANSWERS WILL BE VERIFIED GA PSC OR GA UPC, SAFETY COMMITTEE OR ALL.  
(APPLICATION VOID IF NOT COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY)**

1. Total number of events attended by organization submitting for Award \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Provide backup for each event. (Please combine and number events).**
2. Total number of Proclamations from April Safe Digging Month or 811 Day. \_\_\_\_\_.  
**(Provide backup for each event. (Please combine and number events).**
3. Number of Local Utility Coordinating Committee Meetings attended by a crew representative \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Verified by the Secretary (or other Officer) of the Local UCC  
(send a copy of verification letter from Local UCC Officer).**

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4. Has your crew or crew representative attended an approved GA 811 Dig Safely Class in the Calendar year?  
**(In person or online) (Please provide backup)**

YES       DATE ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ NO   
**(For information on this class contact GA 811).**

5. Has your crew or crew representative attended a training class by the Pipeline Safety group in the Calendar year? (In person or online) (Please provide backup)

YES       DATE ATTENDED \_\_\_\_\_ NO   
**(For information on this class contact GA 811).**

6. Has your crew or crew representatives created Innovative Measures that set you apart in this calendar year?

YES       If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_ NO   
**(Please provide a description on separate sheets if necessary).**

7. Has your crew or crew representatives had any special circumstances you want considered in this calendar year?

YES       If yes, please list \_\_\_\_\_ NO   
**(Please provide a description on separate sheets if necessary).**

**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, (1) one will be chosen for the Lester E. Feathers Damage Prevention. All awards will be presented at the GUCC Annual Conference. A company representative will receive complimentary breakfast at the GUCC Annual 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. 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 |
|------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1.   |            |             |              |
| 2.   |            |             |              |
| 3.   |            |             |              |
| 4.   |            |             |              |
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| 8.   |            |             |              |
| 9.   |            |             |              |
| 10.  |            |             |              |

### JUDGING

Judging will be by GUCC Safety 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.