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## **AZCO Earns National Zero Injury Safety Award for 2023 Solar Projects**

APPLETON, Wisconsin — AZCO has received the Bronze Star Award / Zero Injury Safety Award from the Association of Union Contractors (TAUC) for 2023 for the combined 403,005 recordable-free hours logged at three Alliant Energy solar projects.

The award, created more than 20 years ago, recognizes and commends the exceptional efforts made by TAUC contractor members to work without a recordable injury on the jobsite.

AZCO worked on Alliant Energy's Wood County, Springfield and North Rock solar projects that received award recognition. The projects operated under the National Maintenance Agreement (NMA) employing crews of carpenters, operators, electricians, and laborers.

AZCO superintendents set clear project safety expectations, made certain that every worker understood proper safety procedures and ensured all tasks were completed safely by the right person.

"AZCO is dedicated to Zero Injury, providing the training, tools, and the time necessary for a safe project," says AZCO Safety Director Jason Konrad. "We have a zero-tolerance policy for at-risk behaviors and encourage our employees to be proactive in finding safe work solutions. These accomplishments are proof of the dedication to our Safety is First culture."

"Safety has become paramount in today's construction industry," says AZCO CEO Earle Cianchette. "We work hard to make our jobsites injury and incident free. Our heavy importance on employee orientation, site specific pre-task safety analysis, and continual pre-task planning is intended to make sure all employees return home after a day's work the way they started it – safe."

"Safety is of the utmost importance to Alliant Energy," said Tim Kreft, senior manager of strategic projects for Alliant Energy. "We're pleased AZCO takes safety as seriously as we do



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and that every worker at these sites was able to go home to their families in the same condition in which they showed up for work.”

### **About AZCO**

AZCO is a heavy industrial construction and prefabrication solutions provider building the critical infrastructure that keeps communities and industries thriving. Part of the Burns & McDonnell family of companies, we work with union craft labor across the country, using an integrated approach to deliver more advanced controls and predictable outcomes. Learn how we are designed to build at [www.azco-inc.com](http://www.azco-inc.com)

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