



## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Brock Service Painting Company Awarded the Prestigious OSHA VPP “Star”**

Beaumont, Texas – Brock Service Painting Company was recently recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration as a “STAR” site under OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Program at the Arkansas Eastman facility in Batesville, Arkansas. Since 1982, out of a potential 6.2 million potential sites, only 1041 sites have been recognized of which only 20 contractors have reached this prodigious milestone. Brock is one of two specialty contractors who have received the award and is the first contractor recognized in the State of Arkansas.

The official presentation of the STAR Flag and plaque was held at the Arkansas Eastman facility. Local and State dignitaries were in attendance, as well as a radio simulcast, indicating the remarkable accomplishment and tremendous importance of the Federal recognition program.

Speaking on behalf of the Eastman Corporation, Jeff Johnston, Corporate Safety and Health Manager, praised Brock for their leadership in saying, “We continue to depend on people like Brock to make our plants safer and more efficient. Brock has set the mark for Eastman.”

At the presentation of the STAR Site Plaque and Flag, Paul Hansen, OSHA Area Director for the Department of Labor stated, “The Department of Labor plans to use Brock as an example for others to show them what they need to do about safety.”

Travis Brisco, President of Brock Service Painting, stated, “This is indeed an honor for Brock and all of our employees who work so diligently in making our work place safe. It takes a team effort to make such an award a reality and Arkansas Eastman provides an excellent role model”. Todd Brock, Chief Operating Officer for the Brock Group, added, “Our processes and systems are in place and the employees of Brock at Arkansas Eastman have proven that these processes are sustainable ... you are leading the pack.”

Speaking for the State of Arkansas, Deputy of State for Senator Pryor, Michael Teague, stated, “The Brock employees have connected the word “safety” with the “quality of life” ... being safe is day-to-day quality of life.” Deputy Teague went on to say, “We hope that we can use what you have accomplished as a tool to market this great state (Arkansas), this region and the people of Arkansas. This accomplishment will be added to the Congressional record by Senator Pryor on the United State’s Senate Floor.”

Additional dignitaries attending the celebration were U.S. Representative Deputy, Joe Dillard; President of Lyon College, Walter Roetger; and Kelly Fuss from WRD Entertainment FM103 KWOZ. Guest speaker was Earl Heard, CEO and founder of BIC Magazine.

The OSHA Voluntary Protection Program recognizes exemplary safety and health efforts demonstrated by company management and its employees in a cooperative effort pending government review. Acceptance into the program requires the company safety and health program to exceed regulatory requirements. Sites participating in the VPP have overall lost workday, and injury and illness rates 60 percent below their industry average established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Brock, in business since 1947 and with nearly 3,000 employees, has its corporate headquarters in Beaumont, Texas and specializes in providing scaffolding, painting, insulation, lead and asbestos abatement driven by multi-craft/multi-site engineered management programs for strategic alliances such as Eastman throughout the United States.

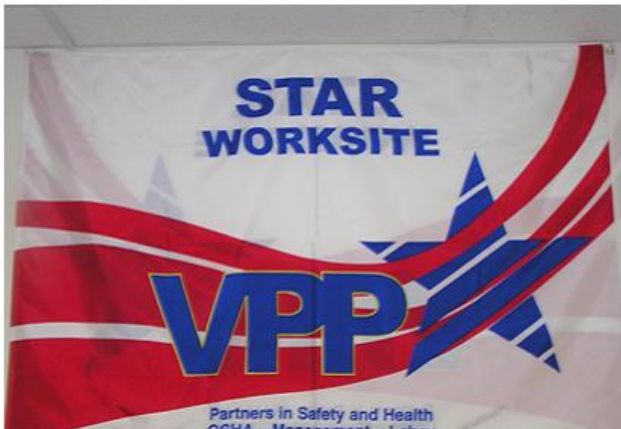




From left to right: Travis Brisco, President of Brock Service Painting, Earl Heard, Guest Speaker & CEO of BIC Magazine, Jeff Johnston, Eastman Corporate Safety & Health Manager, Paul Hansen, OSHA Area Director for the Dept. of Labor



Travis Brisco, President of Brock Service Painting, on left, presents Appreciation Plaque to Jim Whitson, Arkansas Eastman's Superintendent of Operations Services



Brock Service Painting Company' STAR Worksite Flag



Morris Kantor, Brock Service Painting's Safety & Training Manager. Receives the Official Plaque from OSHA Area Director, Paul Hansen. Todd Brock, Brock's COO, looks on.



Brock Service Painting Company's VPP Team Members hold Department of Labor OSHA STAR Flag & Plaque.