

WM Jordan, receives VA BEST Level 1 Certification, program open to all GCs, will be open to Subcontractors beginning in 2018.

WM Jordan was recently recognized by the Virginia BEST Review Board and the Virginia Department of Labor for meeting the VA BEST Level 1 program requirements. WM Jordan is the first firm to go through the process. Scott Sutton, Director of Safety at WM Jordan, said "I am pleased with our team and everyone's effort to get us to this point. Just going through the process and exercises to meet the of Virginia BEST, has made us an even better company."

The BEST Program, which stands for Building Excellence in Safety, Health and Training, is designed to encourage and recognize AGCVA members who implement safety and health management systems to benefit construction workers. Firms who go through the process can expect an increased focus on employee safety and health at all levels of the participant's organization, increased employee involvement in safety and health issues and increased cost savings through lower injury rates and Workers' Compensation costs.

All AGCVA GCs are encouraged to apply now and go through the process. Each GC will be assigned an AGCVA member as a mentor to help them go through the process and identify issues.

Subcontractors will be encouraged to apply in 2018. The VA BEST Review Board and DOLI staff will make a presentation to the AGCVA Board on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the Winter Convention. Applications will be available at that time. For more information, contact Gordon Dixon at gordon@agcva.org.