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## The Austin Company Receives Highest Safety Honor from Liberty Mutual

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**Cleveland, Ohio – January 16, 2012** – The Austin Company employees received the *Liberty Mutual Gold Award for Outstanding Safety Performance* after achieving a major safety milestone in the design, engineering and construction industry. Austin was presented with this award for completing over 500,000 work hours without a lost time injury since becoming a client on July 1, 2010. The gold level signifies that Austin is performing at least 80% better than others in the same industry.<sup>1</sup> "A 100% commitment to safety awareness and a company-wide dedication to the implementation of safety policies and practices earned The Austin Company this Award," said Charles Engel, Safety Director at The Austin Company.

"Creating a safe work environment is a collaborative effort which must be actively addressed each day," says Mike Pierce, President of The Austin Company. "Receiving this Award is another milestone for our program, and exemplifies our high standards for performance. It's because of the concern and hard work of all of our employees that we have been able to achieve this award. It shows we are on the right track and that we are making good progress and keeping people safer."

Austin maintains one of the lowest-incident accident and occupational illness records in the industry. A consistently high level of safety performance is the result of all personnel – from the office to the field – placing safety at the forefront of project execution. Austin's safety policies and training programs are measurable on a day-by-day basis. Austin's site-specific Safety Program addresses the requirements of each project, including those with a high degree of complexity, greater hazards, and/or higher degrees of risk.

Under OSHA's standards, Austin also received high accolades for working 1,353,337 hours without a lost time accident through November 30, 2011.

Austin's next opportunity to receive a Liberty Mutual award is when it reaches 1,000,000 hours without a lost time accident. "All employees have really incorporated safety awareness into every aspect of their job," said Engel "and it's imperative to continue our safety excellence into 2012."

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**The Austin Company** is an international firm offering a comprehensive portfolio of in-house architectural, engineering, design-build, construction management and consulting services for food processing, manufacturing, distribution, R&D, back office, and other operations. In addition to services for the built environment, Austin offers value-added strategic planning services including site selection, logistics and supply chain consulting, site due diligence, incentive negotiation, facility and process audits and more. The Austin Company is headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, with offices in Cleveland, Atlanta, Irvine, CA, and Portage, MI, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kajima USA. – [www.theaustin.com](http://www.theaustin.com)

<sup>1</sup> Based on the DART case rate (Days away from work, days of restricted work activity or job transfer).