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## 2 LSAs TAKE SILVER, 9 WIN GOLD

Eleven local surety associations (LSAs) will be presented with SIO's 2008 Silver and Gold Awards for Excellence in Surety Bond Promotion at the annual meetings of the **National Association of Surety Bond Producers** (NASBP) and **The Surety & Fidelity Association of America** (SFAA) this spring. One surety professional will be inducted into the prestigious Tiger Trust.

### Silver

The Silver award is given to LSAs that conduct at least five activities in a calendar year to promote the value and benefits of contract surety bonds. This award recognizes LSAs for their efforts and calls attention to the opportunity to expand promotional initiatives. Two LSAs won the Silver award:

- **Surety Association of Kentucky**
- **Surety Association of Wisconsin**



### Gold

The Gold award is given to LSAs that conduct at least 10 activities. This award recognizes LSAs for their outstanding efforts and highlights their leadership in their communities. Nine LSAs won the Gold award:

- **Surety Association of Arizona**
- **Florida Surety Association**
- **Surety Association of Illinois**
- **Surety Association of Indiana**
- **Surety Association of Kansas City**
- **Surety Association of Ohio**
- **Surety Association of San Diego**
- **Surety Underwriters Association of Southern California**
- **Surety Association of St. Louis**

### Platinum

SIO offers a Platinum award for individual NASBP or SFAA members whose efforts to promote contract surety bonds have had a significant impact on the construction industry. No Platinum awards were given for 2008.

### Tiger Trust

The Tiger Trust recognizes NASBP and SFAA members who persuade a private construction project owner or lender to require surety bonds on a project. The newest member of the Tiger Trust is:

- **Steven E. Minard**, Minard-Ames Insurance Services LLC, Phoenix, AZ. Minard persuaded the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of Arizona Inc. not to forgo a surety bond on the construction of its \$220,000 commercial parking lot.



The awards and Tiger Trust are judged by the **SIO Policy Board**, which is composed of SFAA and NASBP executive committee members. NASBP representatives are **J. Spencer Miller, Carl E. Dohn Jr., Stephen A. Spencer,** and **Richard Foss**. SFAA representatives are **Tim Mikolajewski, Roland Richter, David "Dusty" Rhodes,** and **Lynn Schubert**.

The awards will be presented Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at the NASBP annual meeting in Palm Springs, CA, and Wednesday, May 14, 2009, at the SFAA annual meeting in Washington, DC.

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