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Metro Construction Safety Manager James Brown congratulates employees of Eastside LRT Constructors during an early morning safety award presentation.



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## Eastside Construction Team Marks 500,000-Hour Safety Record

By JOSÉ UBALDO

(March 2, 2006) Construction crews working on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension have received an Outstanding Safety Achievement Award after recording 500,000 work-hours without a lost-time injury.

From July 2004, when the project got its Notice to Proceed, through September 2005, no construction worker sustained an injury that required missing work. Workers included those in the construction trades, as well as in engineering design and construction management.

Although some workers have had minor injuries, the number of injuries on the Eastside project, overall, has been significantly below the national average for this type of construction work.

"At Metro, Safety's 1st in everything we do and it extends to all of our construction projects where safety is the responsibility of everyone involved," said Metro Project Director Dennis Mori, executive officer, Project Management.

The award was presented at the construction field offices, Wednesday, to Bob Dice, Eastside LRT Constructors safety manager, by Metro Construction Safety Manager James Brown.

Some 80 Eastside construction workers attended the ceremony. Metro also congratulated all members of the Eastside construction team for reaching the safety milestone.

