## AGC GEORGIA'S SKILL, INTEGRITY AND RESPONSIBILITY (SIR) AWARD

AGC Georgia's 2012-2013 President, Ken Swofford, presented Mr. L. Thomas "Tom" Gay, President of Gay Construction Company, with the 2013 SIR Award on June 11, 2013 during AGC Georgia's Annual Convention in Hilton Head Island, SC. The award recognizes Tom's outstanding service, industry leadership and involvement in his community which exemplifies what is meant by "Skill, Integrity and Responsibility."

Gay Construction Company was founded 65 years ago by Tom's father, Logan Gay, so he grew up in the construction business working on job sites throughout his high school and college years. He joined the firm full time in 1970 after graduating from Georgia Tech and completing four years of service in the Marine Corps where he attained the rank of captain. He earned his MBA from Georgia State in 1972.



The company became a member of AGC in 1979, and since that time Tom has been actively engaged in the affairs of the association. He has served numerous terms on the Board of Directors helping shape the policies of the Georgia Chapter. For over 25 years Tom chaired the Labor Committee and led labor negotiations with the Carpenters, the Laborers and the Cement Finishers Unions. He has also chaired the Political Action Committee. Since 2001, Tom has served as a director of Affinity Service Group, which is AGC Georgia's wholly-owned subsidiary that provides third party administration services to CompTrust AGC MCIC, the Chapter's member-owned workers' compensation program.

Throughout his career, Tom has had an interest in helping young people. He has mentored and encouraged many students who have expressed an interest in a construction career.

His service to youth has also been evident in his community interests, where he has provided leadership and support to several organizations. For over 30 years Tom has been a leader in the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America including a three-year term as council President. He is a recipient of the Boy Scouts Silver Beaver award.

Tom has served for over 30 years as a Board member of Hillside Hospital in Atlanta, including a term as Board President. Hillside is a residential long-term care psychiatric treatment facility for adolescent youth.

Maintaining his connection with his alma mater, Tom has served as President of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, and he continues to serve as a Trustee of the Georgia Tech Foundation as well as the School of Business Advisory Board.

Tom is an active member at Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta where he is an Elder and serves on the Session.

AGC Georgia is proud to recognize Tom Gay for his loyal service to our association and for making a difference in our industry and his community.