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### Highlander asked to take part in study

Highlander Construction & Development Inc., a local construction company, was one of 10 builders throughout Virginia asked to participate in a joint study conducted by the Center for Applied Behavior Systems at Virginia Tech and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

The purpose of the project is to conduct research on the environmental sustainability and occupational health and safety activities of small con-

struction businesses.

Researchers hope the information they collect will help them understand how companies and individuals in the construction industry make choices in the workplace, which affect their health and safety as well as their environmental impact, according to a news release.

Results of the study will be used to help educate the construction industry and the public about the potential alleviation of looming environmental threats and the benefits of choices and practices, which protect workers health and safety.

HCD was offered compensation for the company's participation in the study but has chosen to donate the money back to the university to support the project.

"We are honored to have been asked to participate in this survey," James Oliver,

president of Highlander Construction & Development, said in the release.

"And we wholeheartedly endorse the purpose and expected benefits of the project."

To learn more about Highlander Construction & Development, contact Jamie Oliver at 239.1396 or visit [www.highlanderconstruction.com](http://www.highlanderconstruction.com).