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2009 GOSH Conference announces call for award nominations

Safety committees, employers and individuals are eligible

(Salem) – Get ready to honor extraordinary contributions in workplace safety and health at the 2009 Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Conference (GOSH). Businesses, organizations, and individuals now have the opportunity to nominate safety and health leaders for the upcoming awards.

The 2009 GOSH Conference, scheduled for March 9-12 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, will feature more than 30 full-day workshops and 80 single-topic classes. It is designed to educate managers and workers about safety and health issues. The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA), a division of the Department of Consumer & Business Services, partners with the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers to sponsor the conference.

Award nomination forms are available on the GOSH Web site, www.oregongosh.com. Completed nomination forms must be received by **Oct. 17, 2008**.

Both private- and public-sector employers are eligible. Nominations for awards are open in the following four areas:

Employer:

Oregon OSHA encourages every employer, regardless of size, to apply. Nominees will compete with like-sized companies. We anticipate several award winners in these categories.

Safety Committee:

We encourage every safety committee, regardless of an organization's size, to apply.

Association:

Recognizes outstanding achievement in enhancing workplace safety and health by an association actively promoting workplace safety and health.

- Associations with dedicated loss-control staff resources
- Associations with no dedicated loss-control staff resources

Individual:

- Health care professional
- Individual
- Industrial hygienist
- Labor representative
- Safety professional

An awards committee made up of safety professionals from a diverse mix of occupations will review the nominations. Honorees will receive their awards during the 2009 GOSH Conference.

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About Oregon OSHA:

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