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Award nominations now available for 2005 GOSH awards

Organizations, businesses and individuals making extraordinary contributions to workplace safety and health in Oregon deserve recognition. The Department of Consumer and Business Services, in partnership with the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, provides an opportunity to recognize safety leaders during the Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health Conference (GOSH) coming in February 2005.

Award-nomination forms for the 2005 GOSH conference are now available for downloading from the Oregon OSHA Web site, www.orosha.org/conferences, or from the Web site for the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, www.assecwc.org.

Four categories of GOSH awards are available: Employers, Safety Committees, Associations, and Individuals. Nominations for awards are open in the following areas:

Employers, either private sector or public sector:

- Up to 30 employees
- 31 to 99 employees
- 100 to 299 employees
- 300 to 999 employees
- 1,000 or more employees

Safety Committee Awards, for either private sector or public sector:

- Up to 30 employees
- 31 to 99 employees
- 100 to 299 employees
- 300 to 999 employees
- 1,000 or more employees

Association Award

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

Individual Awards

- Health Care Professional
- Individual or Work Team
- Industrial Hygienist
- Labor Representative
- Safety Professional

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The 2005 GOSH conference, "Safety and Health Expedition: Advancing Industry Knowledge and Practices," will feature topics to benefit business, labor and government. Emerging issues such as addressing the safety needs of an aging workforce and preventing workplace violence are examples of workshops at the 2005 GOSH conference. Other workshops will focus on topics such as how to train people responsible for safety training, and basic safety and health training for new employees. Advanced ongoing training for professionals with Certified Safety Professional or Certified Industrial Hygienist certifications is also part of the conference. More than thirty full day workshops are scheduled during the event, and over 75 single-topic classes will take place during the four-day conference. Jack McGowan, executive director of Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV), is scheduled to be keynote speaker.

Completed nomination forms must be received by **October 15, 2004**. Awards will be presented during the 2005 GOSH conference, scheduled for February 28-March 3, 2005 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

The GOSH conference, presented in odd-numbered years, is a co-production of the Department of Consumer and Business Services Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) and the American Society of Safety Engineers, Columbia-Willamette Chapter (ASSE). For additional information about the awards nomination process or the 2005 GOSH conference, contact the Conferences section of Oregon OSHA, (503) 378-3272, or send e-mail to Oregon.GOSH@state.or.us.

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