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## Corvallis Tool Company recognized for commitment to safety *Philomath manufacturer joins SHARP program*

Corvallis Tool Company in Philomath is being welcomed into Oregon OSHA's Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP).

SHARP provides an incentive for Oregon employers to work with their employees to find and correct hazards, develop and implement effective safety and health programs, and continuously improve. The ultimate goal of SHARP is to encourage businesses to become self-sufficient in managing workplace safety and health issues. Currently, 133 employers in Oregon participate in SHARP, including 65 companies who have graduated from the program.

Corvallis Tool Company (CTC) designs, engineers, and installs custom machinery and controls for the veneer, plywood, and engineered wood industries. CTC employs more than 90 workers and operates a 51,000-square-foot plant. The company began working toward SHARP nine years ago. During the time leading to its SHARP designation, the company has upgraded machinery, maintains a safety training program, and regularly participates in safety audits.

“The SHARP program has helped elevate our safety programs to the next level, improved communications with our employees and increased their awareness of what's expected,” said Ed Landis, CTC vice president of operations. “Safety has now become part of the natural work culture and it continues to yield positive results.”

Participation in SHARP does not eliminate Oregon OSHA regulatory enforcement. Employees retain all workplace safety and health rights contained in the Oregon Safe Employment Act. Oregon employers that have been in business for more than one year are eligible to apply for SHARP regardless of size or type of business.

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