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Workplace symposium coming to Portland

“Oregon’s Workplace Health & Safety: Looking Forward to 2020” focus of event

(Salem) – Oregon employers are invited to attend a full-day symposium designed to highlight the future of workplace safety, health, and job trends on Sept. 24, 2009, at the Red Lion Hotel on the River in Jantzen Beach.

The Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) and Oregon Health and Science University’s Center for Research on Occupational and Environmental Toxicology (CROET) are partnering to present the symposium. CROET organized a similar Oregon workplace symposium in 1998 to examine Oregon health and safety trends for the period 2000-2010.

The symposium, designed for safety and health professionals, government, human resource professionals, and more, is titled “Oregon Workplace Health & Safety: Looking Forward to 2020.” Some of the agenda highlights include:

- “Oregon’s Workforce through 2020” - Art Ayre, Oregon State Employment Economist
- “The Future of Occupational Safety and Health” - John Howard, former director of National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- Attendees will form workgroups to address emerging workplace challenges
- A panel discussion on “Occupational Safety and Health in the Future Workplace”

Oregon OSHA Administrator Michael Wood will take part in the panel discussion and will provide closing remarks.

“The workplace of the future will hold new challenges, and new variations on old themes,” said Wood. “But the future also holds real opportunity for dramatic improvement. The next 10 or 20 years can be as successful as the past 10 or 20 years. But we will achieve that success only if we expand our vision of what is possible – and of what is expected.”

The registration fee is \$85, or \$95 at the door. Government agencies and small employers can register for \$35 (students \$25). For more information or to register, go to www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/croet/outreach/looking-forward-to-2020.cfm.

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About Oregon OSHA:

Oregon OSHA, a division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, enforces the state's workplace safety and health rules and works to improve workplace safety and health for all Oregon workers. For more information, go to www.orosha.org.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon's largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. For more information, go to www.dcbs.oregon.gov.

About CROET:

CROET conducts research, education and outreach relevant to workforce health. For more information, go to www.ohsu.edu/xd/research/centers-institutes/croet. For Oregon occupational safety and health resources, go to www.croetweb.com.