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2011 Oregon GOSH Conference coming to Portland

Conference themed "Safety: It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint."

(Salem) – Mark your calendar for the Oregon Governor's Occupational Safety and Health (GOSH) Conference, to be held March 7-10, 2011, at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. The largest conference of its kind in the Northwest, themed "Safety: It's a Marathon, Not a Sprint," will feature more than 140 workshops and sessions.

"This event offers managers and employers a chance to hear about the latest safety issues in their field," said Sharell Lien, coordinator of the GOSH Conference. "It's a great value and opportunity to network with other safety and health professionals."

Nominations for the 2011 GOSH Awards are now being accepted in categories for organizations and individuals who make extraordinary contributions to workplace safety and health. Applications are available at www.oregongosh.com/awards and must be received by Oct. 28, 2010.

Registration for the event is expected to open in winter of 2010, with exhibit space assignments beginning in September 2010. New to this conference will be a skills demonstration in the Columbia Forklift Challenge.

General conference topics include:

- Safety Committees: Beyond the Basics
- Safety Training and Your Multicultural Workforce
- Motor Vehicle Safety
- Conducting an Accident Investigation

Conference specialties such as health care, ergonomics, construction, emergency preparedness and response, industrial hygiene, and workplace wellness are some of the other session tracks.

The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA), a division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, is partnering with the Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers to sponsor the conference.

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