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Indiana Department of Labor Renews Strategic Safety and Health Alliance with the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association, Indiana Chapters and Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 20

INDIANAPOLIS (July 9, 2010) – Today, representatives from the Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL), the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA) and Sheet Metal Workers International Association, Local 20 (SMWIA) gathered to resign a strategic safety and health alliance agreement.

The goal of the alliance is the further advancement of safety and health in the workplace and the interchange of information, best practices and sharing of resources. INSafe, the IDOL's OSHA consultation division, will provide SMACNA members expertise in the recognition and prevention of workplace safety and health hazards by providing on-site consultation, industrial hygiene monitoring services and training assistance. The alliance agreement also recognizes the longstanding relationship between private consulting firm, Safety Resources, Inc. and SMACNA.

SMACNA will annually report key injury rate numbers in an aggregate form to IDOL for the purpose of tracking overall trends in injury rates for the association. Additionally, SMACNA will share information with IDOL personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding best practices or effective approaches and publicize results through outreach by SMACNA and through IDOL events, print media, etc.

This alliance agreement will remain in effect for two years. For more information on IDOL/SMACNA alliance agreement or any other IDOL alliance agreement, please visit www.in.gov/dol/2387.htm.

About the Indiana Department of Labor:

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and compliance assistance by employers. www.in.gov/dol.

About INSafe:

INSafe, a division of the Indiana Department of Labor, works with Indiana's employers, employees, labor unions, professional groups, trade organizations and others to ensure workplace health and safety.

About SMACNA:

SMACNA of Central Indiana, Lafayette and Fort Wayne works on behalf of member companies to assure high quality and craftsmanship in the fabrication and installation of sheet metal products and systems.