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Advancing the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace

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## COLUMBUS CINTAS ACHIEVES VPP ‘STAR’ CERTIFICATION FOR SAFETY EFFORTS

**INDIANAPOLIS** (September 30, 2016) – Cintas Corporation Location 529, of Columbus, Indiana, received certification in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) with ‘STAR’ status. The facility joins dozens of Hoosier companies with exceptional occupational safety and health programs to protect their workers.

Cintas Corporation Location 529 employs 40 workers at the facility, which supplies rental uniforms, entrance mats, restroom and hygiene supplies and promotional products for businesses in the Central Indiana area. Rental goods and other products are delivered by a fleet of service vehicles. The Columbus site is one of Cintas’s 160 locations across the United States.

“Management and employees at the Columbus Cintas location should be proud of their workplace safety and health accomplishments,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “This achievement speaks of the company’s dedication to protecting employees from hazards and preventing accidents.”

Cintas employees are known for their enthusiasm about VPP, the ‘STAR’ accomplishment, and knowledge of the requirements to be part of the program. Excellence in workplace safety and health is integrated into the culture at Location 529 in many ways, such as the Safety Improvement Committee, near miss and accident investigations, the Cintas Safety Observation Program and more. Their efforts are reflected by their injury and illness rate, which averages 1.5 per 100 workers for the past three recordable years (73 percent lower than the industry average of 5.6).

### **About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

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### **About VPP:**

The Voluntary Protection Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement of status

that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

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