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Indiana Department of Labor Honors First Vehicle Services in Fort Wayne, Indiana with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN October 7, 2008 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of First Vehicle Services (FVS) in Fort Wayne, Indiana in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

Based out of Cincinnati, Ohio, the FVS site in Fort Wayne employs 25 employees and provides fleet maintenance and commercial services to local governments. “The collaborative relationship between FVS as vendor and the City of Fort Wayne as customer is proof that one key to real progress in occupational health and safety is public private cooperation. The focus on FVS employees together with an enhanced bottom line is proof that safety and health are win/win propositions. The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to also partner with FVS to help make Indiana a safer place to work,” Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres stated.

The VPP “Star” certification ceremony was held on September 30, 2008 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for FVS employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

The company was initially certified in VPP in May 2006, as a “Merit” worksite. “For FVS, “Merit” certification was a stepping stone to VPP ‘Star.’ The company’s drive and commitment to workplace safety and health excellence is one to be commended and modeled,” added Torres.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Sean M. Keefer at (317) 232-2683 or skeefers@dol.in.gov .

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