



# Indiana

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

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### **Indiana Department of Labor Honors Jasper, Indiana's National Office Furniture with Safety Award**

**INDIANAPOLIS** (January 6, 2011) - The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) is pleased to announce the "Star" certification of National Office Furniture's seating manufacturing facility in Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). VPP recognizes and partners with businesses and worksites that show excellence in occupational safety and health.

Headquartered in Jasper and a brand unit of Kimball International, National Office Furniture is an office furniture manufacturer that employs over 1,000 employees. Their Jasper seating facility employs more than 300 full-time employees and produces over a 1,000 chairs daily. Now, both of National's Indiana-based manufacturing facilities (Jasper and Santa Claus) have earned IDOL's VPP "Star" certification. Low rates of occupational injuries and illnesses demonstrate that the facility has successfully focused on the safety of its employees and staff. "The goal of any good safety and health program is to reduce occupational injuries and illnesses. Through commitment at every level - corporate, management and employees - National Office Furniture has achieved this goal and done it without additional governmental regulation and in a way that is unique to the needs of the staff of National Office Furniture," commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

Worker safety and health is an "all hands on deck" effort at National Office Furniture. Employees are involved in workplace safety and health activities through participation in the safety committee and in occupational safety and health-oriented teams such as Job Hazard Analysis and Ergonomics. Employees of National Office Furniture are also trained in First-Aid and CPR to serve as first responders if needed. In addition, employees also actively take part in presenting safety topics at plant-wide weekly safety talks as well.

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#### **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 for employers. [www.in.gov/dol](http://www.in.gov/dol).

#### **About 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.

**About National Office Furniture:** National Office Furniture, a brand unit of Kimball International, is a Jasper, Indiana-based manufacturer of high-quality office furnishings. Since 1980, National has built a reputation for excellence with stylish furniture of exceptional value; a dedication to personalized service; product designs that reflect a passion for the user's comfort and productivity; and a commitment to environmental responsibility.

[www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com](http://www.NationalOfficeFurniture.com)

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