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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Bloomington, Indiana's Cook Pharmica, LLC with Safety Award

Indianapolis, IN November 19, 2008 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Cook Pharmica, LLC in Bloomington, Indiana in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP).

INSHARP, one of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. Based on benchmarks for advancement and development of safety and health programs within the workplace, INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

Employing more than 240 employees, Cook Pharmica, LLC is a subsidiary of Cook Medical. The company is a contract biopharmaceutical manufacturing organization that develops and maintains culture-based pharmaceuticals for pre-clinical through commercial use. "Through INSHARP, management, labor and the IDOL work together towards exemplary safety and health management systems. The IDOL is pleased to have Cook Pharmica as an advocate for employee safety and health excellence," Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres stated.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 19, 2008 at the Bloomington, Indiana Cook Pharmica site. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Cook Pharmica employees, staff, and management to celebrate their exemplary status achievement.

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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