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Indiana Department of Labor and Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers Announces New Workplace Alliance

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 20, 2014) – The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) and the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (CIC-ASSE) announced today an occupational safety and health alliance. This relationship will provide CIC-ASSE members and other Indiana stakeholders education, guidance, and training resources to promote workplace safety and health.

“In an effort to ensure the safety and health of Indiana’s workforce, the department continues to develop alliances and partnerships,” said IDOL Commissioner Rick Ruble. “We look forward to collaborating with the workplace safety and health experts in the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers.”

In 2012, Indiana had an occupational injury and illness rate of 4 per 100 workers, a record low for the state, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses Report.

“The Central Indiana ASSE Chapter has strived to promote the safety profession and development of safety professionals since 1946,” said Chapter President Vince Plank. “The Chapter has collaborated for several years with the Indiana Department of Labor through regularly scheduled technical meetings and the annual Indiana safety and health conference. The Chapter Officers and Members visualize a productive continued alliance with the IDOL.”

The goals of the alliance include:

- Raising awareness of and committing to workplace safety and health and workers’ rights under OSHA
- Reducing work-related transportation incidents and worker fatalities
- Supporting the CIC-ASSE student scholarship program to encourage professional development in occupational safety and health
- Hosting an annual professional development conference
- Sharing technological knowledge and best practices
- Increasing communication with industry stakeholders

For more information about the alliance, visit www.in.gov/dol/2387.htm.

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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 by employers. Learn more at www.in.gov/dol. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

About the Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers:

The Central Indiana ASSE Chapter was chartered on December 9, 1946. The purpose of the Chapter is to promote the advancement of the safety profession and safety professionals and development of its members in the Central Indiana geographical area. On average, there are approximately 420 members of the Central Indiana Chapter throughout the calendar year.

The Chapter's geographical area includes the following counties in Central Indiana: Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Clinton, Clay, Decatur, Delaware, Fountain, Greene, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Henry, Howard, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Martin, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Ripley, Rush, Shelby, Sullivan, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Vermillion, Vigo and Warren.

There are currently two sections within the Chapter—Indiana University (IU) Student Section in Bloomington, Indiana and the Southern Indiana Section. The Southern Indiana Section is comprised of the following counties within the Central Indiana Chapter: Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Lawrence, Monroe and Shelby.

The Chapter is located in the ASSE' Region 7, which is comprised of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, West Virginia and Nigeria.

Founded in 1911, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is the world's oldest professional safety society. ASSE promotes the expertise, leadership and commitment of its members, while providing them with professional development, advocacy and standards development. It also sets the occupational safety, health and environmental community's standards for excellence and ethics. More information about the Central Indiana Chapter of ASSE is available at centralindiana.asse.org/. Follow the Central Indiana Chapter of ASSE on [Twitter](#), [Linked-In](#) and [Facebook](#).