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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Indiana Department of Labor Honors Kendallville, Indiana's Hendrickson International, Truck Suspension Systems Plant #1 and #3 with Safety Awards**

**Indianapolis, IN April 1, 2010** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Kendallville, Indiana's Hendrickson International, Truck Suspension Systems Plants #1 and #3 in Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). Both sites have achieved VPP "STAR" status.

Hendrickson International, Truck Suspension Systems assembles both front and rear suspension parts for medium to heavy duty trucks, buses and recreational vehicles. Together, both Plants #1 and #3 employ nearly 200 hourly, salary and temporary employees. Hourly employees are represented by the Local 770 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. "Hendrickson International, Truck Suspension Systems is proof-positive that by working together for worker safety and health, all stakeholders come out ahead. The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to partner with Hendrickson International for continued occupational safety and health excellence," commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

Management commitment to, and employee involvement in, occupational safety and health are key elements of an effective workplace safety and health program. Hendrickson management conducts daily meetings in which worker safety and health is a routine topic. In addition to participation in daily safety meetings, employees also participate in the company's safety committee, conduct job safety analyses (JSA) and assist in incident investigations.

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

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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. [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.

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