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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **The Indiana Department of Labor Signs Cooperative Safety and Health Alliance with SMACNA**

**Indianapolis, IN June 25, 2008** – The Indiana Department of Labor and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association, Indiana Chapters, (SMACNA) and the Sheet Metal Workers International Association Local 20 have entered into a strategic occupational safety and health alliance.

They will formally sign the agreement on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 P.M. at SMACNA Headquarters located at 1 N. Pennsylvania Street, Suite 600, Indianapolis, IN. Media is invited to attend. Attending from the Indiana Department of Labor will be Commissioner of Labor, Lori Torres, Deputy Commissioner of Indiana OSHA, Jeffrey Carter, and Deputy Commissioner Sean M. Keefer who manages the OSHA Consultation division, INSafe. Phillip Gillespie, Executive Director of SMACNA, Gary Pierson, Business Agent for the Sheet Metal Workers Union, and Robert Baldwin, President of Safety Resources, will be in attendance representing the Sheet Metal industry.

The goal of the alliance is the advancement of health and safety in the workplace and the interchange of information, best practices and resources.

INSafe will provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards and will also provide on-site consultation and training assistance.

SMACNA will share information with IDOL personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding SMACNA best practices or effective approaches and publicize results through outreach by SMACNA and through IDOL events, print media, etc. SMACNA will report key injury rate numbers in an aggregate form to IDOL for the purpose of tracking overall trends in injury rates for the Association.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years.

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

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