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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Kimball Office-Salem as a Leader in Workplace Safety and Health Excellence

INDIANAPOLIS (August 20, 2015) – Kimball Office-Salem, located in Salem, Indiana, has achieved certification in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) as a “STAR” site. Indiana VPP sites are recognized as leaders in workplace safety and health and commended for their success in proactively protecting Hoosier workers. Kimball Office-Salem is a manufacturing site for Kimball Office, a business unit of Jasper, Indiana based Kimball International.

“VPP certification is an achievement an organization and its employees work very hard to obtain,” said Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “The management, employees and staff at Kimball Office-Salem have recognized the value of a safe and healthy workplace and have worked together to attain it. The Indiana Department of Labor is proud to be a partner with Kimball Office-Salem for worker safety and health excellence,” Ruble added.

To participate in VPP, a company must develop, implement and maintain an exemplary worker safety and health management system and complete a comprehensive workplace safety and health audit conducted by IDOL staff and safety professionals from a pool of Special Government Employees (SGEs). Additionally, the site’s workplace injury and illness rates must be below the national industry average for its respective industry. To date, fewer than 80 Indiana workplaces have achieved VPP certification.

Kimball Office-Salem employs more than 200 employees that manufacture wood office furniture. The site has been successful in reducing workplace injuries and illnesses. Kimball Office-Salem’s most recent workplace injury and illness rates are 83 percent below the national average for its industry classification.

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 voluntary compliance by employers. www.in.gov/dol

About VPP:

The Voluntary Protection Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement of status that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

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