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### **Commissioner of Labor Announces Free OSHA Training in Lafayette**

**Indianapolis, IN January 5, 2007** – Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner Lori A. Torres has announced that INSafe (formerly BuSET) will begin offering scheduled regional OSHA Voluntary Compliance 10-Hour Courses in Lafayette in January and continue to do so quarterly throughout 2007.

INSafe, a Division of the Indiana Department of Labor works with Hoosier employers, employees, labor unions, trade associations, and other organizations to ensure Hoosier workplace safety and health. INSafe operates independently from OSHA. INSafe does not impose fines or penalties. Instead, INSafe offers free onsite consultation, publications and educational materials, and group training to work towards the operational goal of making Indiana businesses clean and safe. "We are committed to ensuring that all Hoosiers have an opportunity to receive education and training on something with such importance, such an impact, and something that may someday save a life," emphasized Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner, Lori A. Torres.

Free occupational safety and health training in Lafayette in 2007 includes 10-Hour programs in both Construction and General Industry. Courses will be taught by INSafe Safety and Health Consultants and will educate Hoosiers on the importance of working in a safe and health-conscience work environment. "INSafe Consultants are dedicated to working with employers and employees to not only identify safety hazards and standards violations, but also to evaluate the health and safety programs that are utilized on a daily basis. INSafe Consultants play an integral role in assisting employers and employees with fostering internal safety cultures that make safety and health programs and practices daily activities," Quin Cheatham, Deputy Commissioner—INSafe.

As with all of the services provided by INSafe, courses are free and include all pertinent materials. "We provide each participant with the Standards Book and an OSHA guide for supervisors that break the standards down even further for each of the respective industries. We want to ensure that all Hoosiers are afforded the opportunity to be aware of, educated, and trained on OSHA compliance standards," Cheatham added.

OSHA courses are scheduled each quarter (January, April, September and November) in 2007. Registration for each course is limited to the first 50 participants. To view available courses, interested individuals may visit INSafe online at: <http://www.in.gov/labor/calendar.html> .

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Deputy Commissioner—INSafe, Quin Cheatham at 317.232.2683.

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