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The Indiana Department of Labor Signs Cooperative Safety and Health Partnership with Meyer Najem Construction, LLC

Indianapolis, IN July 8, 2008 – The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) and Meyer Najem Construction, LLC have entered into a strategic occupational safety and health partnership. The partnership will cover the Ortho-Indy/Indiana Orthopedic ASC and Clinic.

The goal of the partnership is to further advance the safety and health of Hoosiers in the workplace, which includes the reduction and severity of injuries and illnesses and the elimination of workplace fatalities. While the partnership does not in any way limit IOSHA's ability to inspect the site in the instance of a complaint, injury or fatality, it does grant a conditional deferral of general scheduled inspections.

Additionally INSafe, the IDOL's OSHA consultation program, will provide guidance in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace safety and health hazards. INSafe will conduct random and routine on-site consultation services, and when necessary they will conduct training and provide other outreach services.

Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres, Deputy Commissioner of Indiana OSHA Jeffrey Carter, and Deputy Commissioner Sean M. Keefer who manages the OSHA Consultation division, INSafe, attended on behalf of the IDOL. Company President Tim Russell, Project Manager Chris McCracken and Safety Director Traci Hardin attended on behalf of Meyer Najem. In addition, representatives from the Metro Indianapolis Coalition for Construction Safety (MICCS), which Meyer Najem is a member of, were in attendance.

The partnership will remain in effect until the completion of the construction project.

For additional information or questions, please contact Sean Keefer at (317) 232-2683 or email media@dol.in.gov.

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