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### **Commissioner of Indiana Department of Labor Honors Bloomington Indiana's BioConvergence LLC with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN September 24, 2007** – Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner, Lori A. Torres, is proud to announce that Bloomington, Indiana's BioConvergence LLC has achieved Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Program (INSHARP) status.

INSHARP, one of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. Based on benchmarks for advancement and development of safety and health programs within the workplace, INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy working environment.

Founded in 2004, BioConvergence LLC is a privately owned contract service provider to the pharmaceutical industry, providing services that include product development, materials management and engineering and supply chain consulting. "Having just over a year of operating history, BioConvergence is Indiana's youngest company to be included in INSHARP. This is a remarkable accomplishment. The Department of Labor is proud to be a partner with BioConvergence for worker safety and health," stated Commissioner Torres.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Monday, September 24, 2007 in Bloomington, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for BioConvergence LLC employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials, and local elected officials.

To qualify for INSHARP participation an employer's Days Away Restricted and Transferred Rate (DART) and Total Case Incident Rate (TCIR) must be below national average for their respective Standard Industrial Classification (SIC)/North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). BioConvergence LLC is 100 percent below industry average as they have not had an OSHA recordable injury or illness. "This is an extraordinary achievement; one that BioConvergence should be proud of showcasing," added Torres.

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