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## **Kimball International's Salem Facility Retains Safety Award** *Furniture Manufacturer Recertified as VPP STAR for Workplace Safety*

**INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 20, 2020)** – The Indiana Department of Labor announced today that Kimball International's Salem manufacturing facility has achieved STAR re-certification in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program for workplace health and safety. The facility is part of a selection of workplaces that have exceeded occupational safety and health expectations, and demonstrated commitment to putting the well-being of Hoosier workers first.

“Kimball maintains high standards of workplace safety and health that other Hoosier employers should aspire towards,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “We’re grateful for Kimball’s commitment to protecting Indiana’s workers.”

The STAR status is part of the Voluntary Protection Program, which provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement that identifies employers who serve as model worksites for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

Kimball International is a worldwide leader in manufacturing design-driven furnishings for the commercial, education, healthcare, and hospitality environments. The company's headquarters is based in Jasper, Ind. The Salem location employs approximately 367 employees in a facility which manufactures office furniture.

The company has demonstrated commitment to eliminating workplace hazards, with multiple facilities involved in Indiana's occupational safety and health programs. The Salem facility's most recent three-year average total case incidence rate was 2.2, less than half the national industry average of 4.8.

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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. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter at [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](https://www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor).

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