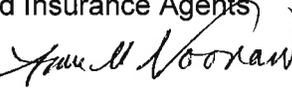


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To: VDOL Project WorkSAFE List Serv of Employers, Employees and Insurance Agents  
From: Anne M. Noonan, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Labor   
Re: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Award for Outstanding Workplace Safety

Date: July 28, 2016

The Governor of Vermont and the Vermont Department of Labor annually recognize Vermont based companies that have made outstanding achievements in Workplace Safety and Health. The Governor's Award for workplace safety is the highest honor given by the State of Vermont to recognize an employer's commitment to excellence in workplace safety and health.

The Governor's office has sponsored the annual Governor's Workplace Safety Award since 2005. The Governor's award can include the following categories: small, medium, and large businesses of all types; municipalities and agricultural companies. It may also include special recognitions and added categories, such as most improved.

The Vermont Department of Labor will announce recipients during the Vermont Safety and Health Council Expo at Stowe/Flake Mountain Resort & Spa in Stowe, VT on October 6<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The Vermont Department of Labor is accepting nominations for the awards until September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Any business (owner, manager, supervisor or employee) may self-nominate their business for this award. Please keep in mind that a workplace is not just in a fixed location, but can also be on the roadways, outdoor locations, or a temporary worksite.

The nomination must be supported by information that demonstrates outstanding workplace safety. Relevant nomination criteria include:

- Experience modification rate that is better than your industry or sector average
- Existence of an active safety committee
- A three consecutive year history of no work fatalities or catastrophic injuries
- Additional evidence of notable safety, such as a significant number of days without a lost time injury

Once an employer has been nominated, the Vermont Department of Labor will send a letter to that employer notifying them of their nomination and may request additional documentation that demonstrates that company's commitment to workplace safety and health. Past applicants are encouraged to apply again, providing new information.

Nominations must be submitted electronically by email to Leslie Curtis at the Department of Labor at [leslie.curtis@vermont.gov](mailto:leslie.curtis@vermont.gov)

We encourage nominations for any business that deserves consideration of this award.

