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Interstate Cold Storage Recognized for Outstanding Safety Effort

Safety record earns Governor's Excellence in Workers' Compensation Award

Interstate Cold Storage Inc. in Columbus and Napoleon is one of six companies that received the 2006 Governor's Excellence in Workers' Compensation Awards (GEA), the Governor's office announced. Interstate Cold Storage Inc. is one of two winners in the State Fund Employer Category.

"Employers like Interstate Cold Storage, Inc. have demonstrated they will go to great lengths to ensure their employees work in safe environments and I am proud to recognize them for their outstanding achievements," said Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) Administrator/CEO Bill Mabe. "Focusing on workplace safety keeps Ohioans working while also reducing the cost companies pay for compensation."

The Governor's Excellence in Workers' Compensation Award is given to employers that focus on aggressively reducing workplace accidents and actively supported injured workers with return-to-work programs.

Interstate Cold Storage Inc. has not suffered a lost-time claim at its three Ohio locations (two in Columbus; one in Napoleon) since 2001 and had no workers' compensation claims costs in 2005.

Management holds monthly safety meetings with all employees and, in most cases, oversees the safety program for each facility. All accidents are reported and investigated within eight hours, and post-accident drug/alcohol testing is conducted.

BWC will present the award to Interstate Cold Storage Inc. at 3 p.m. Aug. 10 in Columbus.

A local business organization, such as a chamber of commerce, another state agency or a BWC employee can nominate a business for a Governor's Excellence in Workers' Compensation Award. A business may also nominate itself.

For more information on safety programs and services offered by BWC, visit www.ohiobwc.com.

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