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North Dakota Safety Council Recognizes Exemplary Safety Performance

FEBRUARY 19, 2010 – Bismarck, ND -- The North Dakota Safety Council (NDSC) recognized several North Dakota companies, who displayed exemplary safety performance throughout 2009, during their annual Occupational Safety & Health Awards Banquet.

FRIEND OF SAFETY & HEALTH: Given to individuals or organizations making significant contributions that lead to a safer community and environment outside of their usual course of employment.

Recipients: Monsanto/Interstate Seed
Trihydro Corporation

LIFESAVER AWARD: Awarded to individuals who have acted above and beyond the call of duty to assist and/or rescue another individual(s).

Recipients: Jeff Hawn
Gary Sanders, Emmons County Sheriff's Department

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY MERIT AWARD: This award is given to companies showing an incidence rate which is equal or less than the national average in their North American Industrial Classification System code.

Recipients: Baker Boy Bake Shop, Inc., Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Bureau of Reclamation, Cardinal IG, Corval Group, Dan's Supermarket, Inc. - Corporate Office, Dan's Supermarket, Inc. - Dan's #1, Dan's Supermarket, Inc. - Dan's #2, Dan's Supermarket Inc. - Dan's #4, Grotberg Electric, Inc., Infinity Windows, Integrity Windows - Fargo, Integrity Windows - West Fargo, John Deere Seeding Group - Valley City, Marvin Windows and Doors, Monsanto, Montana Dakota Utilities - Great Plains Natural Gas, Ottertail Power Company, Otter Tail Power - Coyote Station and Trihydro Corporation.

OUTSTANDING SAFETY PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR: One award presented annually to an individual who has been instrumental in the development and implementation of safety programs that increase the safety of an organization or the community.

Recipient: Lynn Beiswanger, Basin Electric Power Cooperative

DEFENSIVE DRIVING OUTSTANDING TRAFFIC SAFETY INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR:

Given to instructors who demonstrated outstanding dedication to traffic safety education.

Recipients: Mike Argall, Cass County Sheriff's Office
Bill Vasicek, Altru Health System

PRESIDENTS LETTER OF ACHIEVEMENT: Given to companies who have shown a **50% decrease** in their OSHA incidence rate from the previous year.

Recipients: Dan's Supermarket, Inc. - Dan's #1
Dan's Supermarket Inc. - Dan's #2
Dan's Supermarket Inc. - Dan's #4
Grotberg Electric, Inc.

PRESIDENTS LETTER OF COMMENDATION: Recognition for accomplishing a special safety plateau. The criteria are very diverse. For example, nominees could include companies who

have achieved one million hours of work without a time loss injury, or companies who have been accepted into OSHA's VPP program.

Recipients: Corval Group
Trihydro Corporation

DRIVING AWARDS: The North Dakota Safety Council's driving award program recognizes drivers with admirable safety records. The criteria indicate what is expected of each driver regarding safety performance and their skills to avoid traffic accidents while at work. Eligibility of drivers is based on the National Safety Council's guidelines for reporting individual driving records as well as motor vehicle accidents.

SAFE DRIVER AWARD

Division I – Local delivery or service driver: Drivers must have a minimum of 3 years driving professionally and a minimum of 75,000 miles accident free.

Recipients: Consolidated Telcom: Les Alpert, Troy Anderson, Bert Andes, Owen Bakken, Levi Bang, Todd Berger, Barry Braun, Francis Brossart, Lynn Bullinger, Jess Getz, Travis Haaland, Jeff Haugen, Wes Heinle, Andy Hetland, Neil Jacobson, Craig Johnson, Kenny Kostelecky, Ross Kuntz, Dave Lockert, Corey Melchior, Ryan Rafferty, Mark Thompson, Daniel Walby and Travis Wolf.

Division II - Over-the-road driver: This drivers must have a minimum of 3 years driving professionally and a minimum of 375,000 accident free miles.

Recipients: DMI Industries- Curtis Helmer

Integrity Windows and Doors- Steven Carlson, Jason Christianson, Jeffery Gilmore, Dennis Hagen, Lyle Heinle, Andreas Hofer, Donald Huckins, Daryl Johnson, Walter Kingsly, Terrance Koisti, Michael Lemke, Robert Lively, Ted Meyer, Aloysius Neft, Christopher O'Brien, Michael Rand, Lee Wilson and Allen Wuolett.

Marvin Windows and Doors- Juan Garcia, Daniel Geisinger, Milo Johnson III, Dennis Pokrzywinski and David Seim.

STAR DRIVER AWARD

Division I - Local delivery or service driver: Drivers must have a minimum of 10 years driving experience and 200,000 miles accident free.

Recipient: Dennis Schaible, Consolidated Telcom, *277,308 accident free miles*

Division II - Over-the-road driver: Drivers must have a minimum of 10 years driving professionally and 1,000,000 accident free miles.

Recipient: Robert J. Russell, Marvin Windows and Doors, *1,250,320 accident free miles*

The awards were presented during the NDSC's Annual Occupational Safety & Health Awards Banquet on February 3 at the Ramada Plaza & Suites in Fargo. The awards program is designed to promote accident prevention by honoring companies with outstanding safety programs, employees with superior safety records and North Dakota citizens who have went above and beyond to improve the safety & health environments in their communities.

The North Dakota Safety Council is a non-government, not for profit, membership supported organization dedicated to helping make our state a safer and healthier place to live. With approximately 850 member companies representing all sizes of all industries, the NDSC is an active participant in influencing safe practices at work and at home, across North Dakota.

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