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Labor Department Urges Businesses to Apply for Safety Awards

The N.C. Department of Labor is now accepting applications from businesses interested in applying for a workplace safety award.

Safety awards are given to companies that have above-average worker safety and health programs.

“A safety award shows employees and the community that you are committed to a safe work environment,” state Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry said. “A good safety record is something to be proud of, and businesses deserve to be recognized for their efforts.”

Businesses that qualify for the award must meet two requirements. They must be free of fatalities at the site for which they are applying. The site's injury and illness rate also must be at least 50 percent below that of their industry's average rate.

Award recipients will be honored in their communities at safety awards banquets co-sponsored by the N.C. Department of Labor and local chambers of commerce.

For more information on the safety awards program or to download an application, go to the NCDOL Web site, www.nclabor.com, and click on “Safety Awards” on the “Quick Clicks” menu. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 15.

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