



2012 Award of Excellence Notification Letter

Dear Oklahoma Employer:

The Oklahoma Department of Labor invites you to apply for special recognition given to Oklahoma based employers in the public and private sector who have outstanding safety and health programs. The awards process is competitive and applications should include information regarding your company's best practices, innovative ideas, elimination of workplaces injuries and illnesses, and how you have been able to significantly reduce workers' compensation costs. **Labor Commissioner Mark Costello** will present the awards at the 2012 Safety & Health Conference **"How Safety Got Its Groove Back!"** held at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Catoosa, OK on June 13-15, 2012 hosted by the Oklahoma Safety Council and Oklahoma Department of Labor.

The awards will be presented in five categories:

Small employer (100 employees or less)

Medium employer (101-300 employees)

Large employer (more than 300 employees)

Public employer (city, county, state, public school, public trust, etc.)

Safety Culture Award (organizations that have maintained a strong safety and health program over a long period of time and have shown continued low injury/illness rates and workers' compensation costs)

If you would like your organization to be considered for these awards, you can download the application from our website at www.labor.ok.gov. The completed application must be submitted to the Oklahoma Department of Labor **no later than March 9, 2012**. If you do not have internet access please call **405-521-6141** so that an application can be mailed to you. Send all information to the following address:

**Oklahoma Department of Labor
ATTN: Diana L. Jones
3017 North Stiles, Suite 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73105
405-521-6141 or 888-269-5353**

A selection committee will be assembled to evaluate applications. Organizations selected for the Award will be notified as soon as possible. Completed applications are kept confidential and ***all information submitted will be returned after the Award selection process has been completed.***

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana L. Jones".

Diana L. Jones
Director, OSHA Consultation
Oklahoma Department of Labor

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