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Area firms win 'Healthy Business' recognition

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Five businesses in the county have been selected for the 2007 Oklahoma Certified Healthy Business Awards of Excellence. In addition, seven county businesses received Awards of Merit, and three received Certificates of Recognition for providing health and wellness opportunities and working to improve the health status of Cleveland County residents.

Area companies receiving the Awards of Excellence were Norman Regional Health System; Lifecare Oklahoma Home Health, Hospice and Personal Services; SYSCO Food Services of Norman; Cleveland County Health Department of Moore; and Cleveland County Health Department of Norman.

Area companies receiving Awards of Merit were Creative Care Rehab in Norman; Johnson Controls Inc. of Norman; Moore Norman Technology Center; Risk Metrics Group of Norman; Meals On Wheels of Norman; Immuno-Mycologies, Inc.; and Murrell, Hall, McIntosh -- Co., PLLP, of Norman.

Area companies receiving Certificates of Recognition were the City of Norman; U.S. Postal Service National Center for Employee Development in Norman; and Hitachi Computer Products America of Norman.

The award winners were announced Friday by Cleveland County Health Department officials.

"The Cleveland County Health Department would like to congratulate all of the award winners," said Cleveland County Health Department Administrator Shari Kinney. "We hope other companies and educational facilities will be encouraged to participate in this program and compete for awards next year. By working together, we can all have a positive impact on helping to improve the health of Oklahomans at home, in the community and on the job."

To be certified, businesses must meet specific criteria, including providing employee health screenings, workplace health and nutrition education, opportunities for physical exercise activities, management support for healthy workplace environments, tobacco use prevention activities, and sharing wellness activities within their respective communities. Categories include: Small workplaces of one to 25 employees, medium workplaces of 26 to 100 employees, large workplaces of 101 to 999 employees, corporate workplaces of 1,000 or more employees, and a separate category for education.

To learn more about the Oklahoma Certified Healthy Business program, visit the Oklahoma Turning Point Council Web site at www.okturningpoint.org.