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State honors companies dedicated to health

The Oklahoma State Department of Health has joined the Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, the Oklahoma Turning Point Council, and the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce to announce the 2006 Oklahoma Certified Healthy Business Program.

The program recognizes businesses that are working to improve Oklahoma's health by providing health and wellness opportunities for their employees. The program also supports broader efforts aimed at improving Oklahoma's health status, such as the Strong and Healthy Oklahoma Initiative.

The program is open to profit and non-profit businesses as well as educational institutions. Those businesses that meet certification criteria will be honored Dec. 6, during the annual Oklahoma Turning Point Council Forum at the Clarion Meridian Conference Center in Oklahoma City.

All businesses applying for certification are required to have a tobacco-free policy.

Nomination forms are available at www.okturningpoint.org. Nominations must be submitted no later than Nov. 1.