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**COSTELLO WARNS 300 OKLAHOMA BUSINESSES TARGETED BY
FED OSHA**

OKLAHOMA CITY – Labor Commissioner Mark Costello recently contacted 300 businesses in Oklahoma that had a high Days Away from Work, Restricted, or Transferred (DART) rate which could result in receiving a Federal OSHA enforcement inspection. The companies likewise had been notified by the U. S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Commissioner Costello invited these companies to seek help from the Oklahoma Department of Labor's Safety Pays OSHA Consultation Program to assist in improving workplace safety. This free consultation program is independent of Federal OSHA. The Labor Department's Safety and Industrial Hygiene consultants provide assistance to implement an effective safety and health management system proven to reduce injuries and ensure compliance with OSHA regulations.

Costello said, "These consultation services are provided at no cost, are confidential and are free from fines. We are encouraging those companies that have a high DART rate to invite us into their workplace."

The Safety Pays OSHA consultation program has proven to increase profitability by reducing workplace injuries, lost time, and workers' compensation costs. Diana Jones, Director of OSHA Consultation Division said, "The companies we have worked with in the past can attest to the benefits of our consultation program. We have a 15 year proven track record of helping Oklahoma businesses gain compliance with Federal OSHA workplace regulations."

For more information on Safety Pays Consultation Program go to www.ok.gov and click business services/Safety Pays OSHA Consultation.