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Cannelton Furniture Manufacturer Recertified for Exemplary Safety and Health Programs

INDIANAPOLIS (November 8, 2017) – Best Home Furnishings, County Line Division, of Cannelton, Indiana, received recertification as a Star level participant in Indiana’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). Management commitment, employee involvement, on-site safety and health audits, hazard control, and proactive training have resulted in a successful safety and health culture for this worksite.

“We are pleased to recognize Best Home Furnishings with recertification at the Star level,” said Rick Ruble, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor. “Their demonstrated commitment to health and safety is noteworthy and we are grateful for their leadership as an Indiana employer.”

Founded in 1962, Best Home Furnishings is a family-owned Indiana company that manufactures a full line of upholstered residential furniture in the USA. Best’s County Line Division, located in Cannelton, Indiana, is the nation’s leading manufacturer of wooden glide rockers crafted by 47 employees at a facility along the banks of the Ohio River. The County Line Division owes its heritage to the Fischer Chair Company which connects today’s operations to a history of continuous furniture making dating to 1864. Best Home Furnishings sells to over 3,000 retailers in 24 countries and employs nearly 1,000 Hoosiers.

An important element to participating in the state’s VPP is an incidence rate less than the national average. For a three-year average (2013 – 2015), Best Home Furnishings in Cannelton had a Total Case Incidence Rate (TCIR) of 4.7, which is four percent below the national industry average. For the same time period average, the site’s Days Away from Work, Restricted Activity or Job Transfer (DART) case incidence rate was 2.4, 20 percent below the national industry average.

About the Indiana Department of Labor:

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health, and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, the Indiana Department of Labor emphasizes both enforcement and voluntary compliance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter at [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook at www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor.

About VPP:

The Voluntary Protection Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement of status that singles out an employer among its business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

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