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## Century-old Jasper Facility Certified for Workplace Safety and Health Programs

**INDIANAPOLIS** (May 2, 2017) – Indiana Furniture of Jasper, Indiana, achieved certification in the Indiana Safety and Health Recognition Program (INSHARP).

Indiana Furniture employs 47 workers in a facility that finishes, machines, assembles, and ships office furniture case goods. Established in 1905, the small company recently celebrated its 112<sup>th</sup> year in operation. In addition to INSHARP certification, Indiana Furniture holds Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association’s level 2 certification for all case goods, tables, and seating products, which assures the facility’s processes and products are environmentally safe.

“Certification in a state-sanctioned workplace safety and health program doesn’t come easily,” said Commissioner of Labor Rick J. Ruble. “Indiana Furniture has gone above and beyond to protect its employees, and the Indiana Department of Labor is proud to recognize those efforts with INSHARP certification.”

The company’s small staff has a thorough safety and health program with a variety of preventative training and other measures in place to protect employees. With no Occupational Safety and Health-recordable injuries or illnesses in the past two years, the facility’s three-year workplace injury and illness rate was nearly 36 percent lower than the national industry average of 4.2.

### **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, we emphasize both enforcement and voluntary compliance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter: [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook: [facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](https://facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor).

### **About INSHARP:**

The Indiana Safety and Health Recognition Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in INSHARP is an achievement of status that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

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