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Indiana Department of Labor Honors Two Paoli, Indiana First Chance Center Sites with Safety Awards

Indianapolis, IN February 28, 2008 – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Paoli, Indiana's First Chance Center in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (INSHARP). Two of the company's three sites achieved INSHARP exemplary program status.

INSHARP, one of Indiana's exemplary safety and health recognition programs, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. Based on benchmarks for advancement and development of safety and health programs within the workplace, INSHARP status can be achieved when management and employees work together to create and maintain a safe and healthy work environment.

Serving Hoosiers since 1969, First Chance Center provides vocational rehabilitation and habilitation employment services to individuals with disabilities. By working with area businesses and manufacturers, First Chance Center serves as a piecework and business service outsourcing solution in Southern Indiana. "INSHARP recognition emphasizes First Chance Center's knowledge, understanding and application of effective worker safety and health management. The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to present this award to and partner with First Chance Center for continued employee safety and health excellence," Deputy Commissioner of INSafe Sean M. Keefer stated.

The INSHARP award ceremony was held on Thursday, February 28, 2008 in Paoli, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for First Chance Center employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials and local elected officials.

Workplace safety and health management is incorporated into all positions at First Chance Center as employees from all areas of the organization are involved with the organization's safety committee. Safety and health evaluations are conducted monthly by members of the organization's safety committee.

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