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### **Commissioner of Indiana Department of Labor Honors Blue River Services' Corydon, Palmyra and Salem, Indiana Locations with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN October 10, 2007** – Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) Commissioner, Lori A. Torres, is proud to announce Blue River Services Inc., headquartered in Corydon, Indiana has achieved Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Program (INSHARP) status at three of the company's five sites. Blue River sites receiving INSHARP certification include Corydon, Palmyra, and Salem.

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.

Blue River Services provides daily vocational and employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Blue River Services employs 370 employees company-wide, and has been contracting with local manufacturers since 1959. Blue River Services performs piecework operations including assembly, sorting, scraping, packaging, inspecting and woodworking. "By successfully completing the INSHARP requirements, Blue River Services continues to take an active lead in the safety and health of their employees. This achievement is especially commendable given Blue River's unique workforce. I am pleased that the IDOL is a partner in this milestone achievement and congratulate Blue River Services," stated Commissioner Torres.

The INSHARP award ceremonies for all three sites were held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 in Salem, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for Blue River employees, staff, and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials, and local elected officials.

Management commitment and employee involvement is a critical component of any worker safety and health initiative. "From the weekly inspections performed by employees to the quarterly-performed emergency disaster drills, Blue River Services actively promotes employee participation in their workplace safety and health management program. Blue River is proof-positive that management commitment and employee involvement in occupational safety and health have lasting effects on an organization's safety culture," added Torres.

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