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# NEWS RELEASE

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### DIVISION OF LABOR ACCEPTING 2016 SAFETY AWARD APPLICATIONS

**Columbia, South Carolina**– The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of Labor would like to invite employers to participate in the 2016 Safety Awards program. The program recognizes companies' efforts to reduce recordable occupational injuries and illnesses during the past year.

The program is open to any qualifying South Carolina employer. Awards are presented in three categories:

- *Palmetto Shining Star Award* (must qualify in at least one of the following)
  - No recordable injuries or illnesses during calendar year 2015;
  - A reduction of at least 40 percent in an employer's incidence rate between 2014 and 2015;
  - A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer's 2015 incidence rate and the 2014 South Carolina average rate for that industry; or
  - Worked one million or more safe work hours without a lost-time injury or illness.
- *Rising Star Award*
  - A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer's 2015 incidence rate and the 2014 national average rate for that industry
- *Gleaming Star Award*
  - Less than 100 employees and demonstrates a culture of safety and health both on site and in the community

The application is available by clicking here:

[http://www.scosha.llronline.com/pdfs/Safety\\_Application\\_2016.pdf](http://www.scosha.llronline.com/pdfs/Safety_Application_2016.pdf).

You may print the application from our website and either email or mail it to the Division of Labor. For more information, please contact the Division of Labor by email at [division.labor@llr.sc.gov](mailto:division.labor@llr.sc.gov) or by phone at 803-896-7756.

The application deadline is March 7, 2016 at midnight. We look forward to your participation.