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## LLR EXTENDING DEADLINE TO SUBMIT 2020 SAFETY AWARD APPLICATIONS

**Columbia, South Carolina** – Due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding COVID-19, and inquiries from employers, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation will extend the deadline for employers to participate in the 2020 Safety Awards program. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on May 11, 2020.

The Safety Awards Program is the Agency's way of rewarding employers, whether large, small or public, for the success of their safety and health programs, and their efforts to reduce recordable occupational injuries and illnesses during the past year. Awards are presented in three categories:

	Private sector	Public Sector
Palmetto Shining Star	<ul> <li>No fatalities or recordable injuries or illnesses during calendar year 2019;</li> <li>A reduction of at least 40 percent in an employer's incidence rate between 2018 and 2019;</li> <li>A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer's 2019 incidence rate and the 2018 South Carolina average rate for that industry; OR</li> <li>Worked one million or more safe work hours without a lost-time injury or illness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No fatalities or recordables during calendar year 2019 (TC = 0);</li> <li>A reduction of at least 20 percent in an employer's incidence rate between 2018 and 2019; OR</li> <li>A difference of at least 50 percent in an employer's 2019 incidence rate and the 2018 South Carolina average rate for the applicable State or Local government NAICS.</li> </ul>
Rising Star	A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer's 2019 incidence rate and the 2018 <i>national</i> average rate for that industry	A difference of at least 50 percent in an employer's 2019 incidence rate and the 2018 <i>national</i> average rate for the applicable State or Local government NAICS
Gleaming Star	Less than 100 employees and demonstrates a culture of safety and health both on site and in the community	Less than 100 employees and demonstrates a culture of safety and health both on site and in the community

The application is available here: <u>https://llr.sc.gov/aboutus/mediacenter/news/2020/index.aspx</u>. You may print the application from the website and submit it by email: <u>Division.Labor@llr.sc.gov</u>; fax: 803-896-7670; or mail: P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. For more information, please call 803-896-9695.