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**Iowa OSHA Consultation and Education Receives an OSCAR**

DES MOINES – Iowa’s OSHA Consultation and Education team recently received the coveted OSCAR – On Site Consultation Achievement Recognition – Award for outstanding work performed during Iowa’s 2008 floods.

“Our OSHA Consultation and Education team led an outstanding effort on the ground to educate contractors on Iowa’s laws during the clean-up from the natural disasters of 2008,” indicated Iowa Labor Commissioner David Neil. “Without their dedicated effort, the state would have witnessed additional work related accidents.”

U.S. Department of Labor OSHA Regional Administrator Charles Adkins submitted the award nomination for Iowa’s team. In his nomination, Adkins noted that Iowa’s OSHA team conducted a number of health and safety outreach efforts concentrated in Cedar Rapids and in Iowa City where twenty building and utility tunnels were flooded on the University of Iowa campus.

The primary goal of Iowa’s OSHA Consultation and Education team is to reduce the incidence of injury or illness to workers by enhancing ability to identify and control safety and health hazards.

Employers can learn about potential hazards at their worksites and improve their occupational safety and health management systems by using the free consultation services. This service is delivered by the State of Iowa using well-trained professional staff. Most consultations take place on-site, though limited services away from the worksite are available. This program is completely separate from the IOSH Enforcement staff, no citations are issued or penalties proposed, and it is confidential.

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