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### **Are You One of Nebraska's Safest Companies?**

(Omaha, NE, Feb. 1, 2012)—National Safety Council, Nebraska will recognize companies with strong safety programs with the 'Nebraska's Safest Companies' designation in May. A team of safety experts will review and evaluate the programs provided by companies.

Kay Farrell, president and CEO of National Safety Council, Nebraska, said, "Numerous companies have benefited from this independent evaluation by our expert team." Here's what Chuck Wagner, safety and security manager of McCain Foods USA in Grand Island said, "We have worked hard to build our safety program to succeed in reducing injuries, lowering work comp costs and ensuring OSHA compliance throughout our facilities. The awards program has been a great measurement tool, and provided terrific recognition of all of our employees who are key to making safety work in our workplace," McCain Foods has received recognition for its exceptional safety program 12 years in a row.

Companies receiving the 'Nebraska's Safest Companies' designation will be honored at the Awards Luncheon on May 17, 2012, at the National Safety Council, Nebraska's annual Safety and Health Summit. This year, the Summit, Nebraska's largest and best safety and health learning/networking conference and exhibition will be held at LaVista Conference Center in LaVista, Nebraska.

Those companies working toward 'Nebraska's Safest Companies' designation, but not yet reaching that level will receive a Certificate of Participation and an opportunity for a free two-hour walk-through inspection (a \$600 value) at their sites.

Deadline for applications to be received is February 27. More information is available at [www.safenebraska.org](http://www.safenebraska.org) or call toll free at 1-855-NSC-NSC1.

Members of the 'Nebraska's Safest Companies' Committee are: Crystal Anderson, CDS,ARM, Chairman, Pitney Bowes Presort Services; Jim Armstrong, Metropolitan Utilities District; Megan Berry Barlow, Nebraska Furniture Mart; Mike Cavanaugh, Omaha Public Power District; Brian Erdman, Cassling, Inc.; Tess Fahey, Mutual of Omaha Insurance Company; Erin R Denker, Evonik Degussa Corporation; Ronda Ehly, BSN, MS, CEN, Mary Lanning Memorial Healthcare; Craig Jacobs, Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo; J.C. Moore, CHSP, CSSD, Methodist Health System; Dave Pfeffer, Goodwill Industries; Robert Nemecek, City of Lincoln; Chris Overman, Nebraska Public Power District, Kent Schroeder, Oriental Trading Company, Inc.; Chuck Wagner, McCain Foods USA.

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#### **About the National Safety Council, Nebraska**

National Safety Council, Nebraska, formerly National Safety Council, Greater Omaha Chapter is a 501 (c) (3) non-governmental community based organization founded in 1924 and accredited by the National Safety Council. In 2011, National Safety Council invited this organization to represent the Council in all aspects of safety across the state of Nebraska.