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Annual Safety & Health Conference Seeks Speakers, Exhibitors, Governor's Awards Nominations

(Juneau) – The Alaska Safety Advisory Council (ASAC) has scheduled its annual Alaska Safety & Health Conference for Oct. 29-31. This year's theme is "Back to Basics – Safety & Health for Home & Industry." Interested speakers and exhibitors are encouraged to participate. Nominations for three awards recognizing Alaskan businesses which exemplify a commitment to the health and safety of employees are also being accepted.

The council is particularly interested in offering sessions on emerging safety and health issues, advanced topics and practical presentations to educate the safety and health community, general industry and Alaskan families.

Opening day events focus on safety awareness for families and the general public and include a "safe Halloween trick-or-treat day" and live demonstrations of recreation and industry safety. Industry safety is targeted on days two and three and includes educational sessions and a ten-hour construction/general industry course. Interested presenters should visit www.signup4.com/asac06 and complete a call for speaker proposal. For registration and details on exhibiting, visit www.signup4.com/ASAC06 or call 907-786-0105.

A primary feature of the conference is the recognition of Alaskan businesses who exemplify good corporate citizenship and a commitment to the health and safety of their workers. The three award categories are the Governor's Safety Award of Excellence, the Governor's Special Achievement Award and the Governor's William "Tinker" Childress Memorial Award. Nominations for these awards may be made through the Advisory Council's Web site at www.signup4.com/ASAC06 or by calling 907-452-1197. The nomination deadline is Sept. 15.

Conference attendance is typically about 300 people, representing a cross section of more than 200 industries in Alaska, including oil and gas, construction, health care, tourism, recreation, state and local government, Alaska Native corporations, aviation, mining, timber and fishing.

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