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Alaskan Brewing Company Honored for Worker Safety Achievements

(Juneau, AK) – Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Alaskan Brewing Company for the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program award as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“This company has been setting a tremendous example by meshing a top-notch workplace safety and health program into its business plan,” Bishop said. “The success this company has had should make it crystal clear how important it is to focus real effort on workplace safety.”

SHARP, a federal recognition program, is administered by the Alaska Department of Labor’s Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section, which is in the Labor Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period, which, in the Alaskan Brewing Company’s case, is three years. Enforcement regulations remain in effect, however, in cases of employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents.

The Alaskan Brewing Company received its first SHARP award in 2001, and has now been recognized for the fourth time. The company has 63 employees at its Juneau location at 5429 Shaune Drive.

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers’ compensation insurance costs. For more information on how your business can become a SHARP participant or to see a list of participants, visit the SHARP Web page at labor.alaska.gov/lss/OSH-SHARP-participants.htm, or contact SHARP Program Coordinator Bill Nickerson (see contact information above).

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