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Governor's Safety Conference set for March 17-19; Accepting Nominations for 3 Awards

JUNEAU, Alaska—Special safety and health training for young Alaskans from the King Career Center will be part of the annual Governor's Safety and Health Conference March 17-19 at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. Sponsored by the Alaska Safety Advisory Council, the conference will focus on emerging safety and health issues, and advanced safety needs that are unique to Alaska.

The conference will provide training tracks in employer resources, ARC flash safety, youth safety, safety education, oil industry, transportation and hospitality are expected to draw employers, employees, safety and health professionals, and the general public. Certifications to meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's 10-hour construction training and 10-hour general industry training are included in course offerings. A workshop will provide information about the Voluntary Protection Program application process.

A highlight of the conference is recognition of Alaskan businesses exemplifying 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. The nomination deadline is Feb. 27. To make a nomination go online to: <http://labor.state.ak.us/lss/asac.htm>

More than 300 are expected to attend the conference, representing a cross section of industries in Alaska, including oil and gas, construction, health care, tourism, recreation, state and local government, Alaska Native corporations, aviation, mining, timber and fishing.

Vendors with safety or health related products or services are encouraged to become a conference exhibitor.

For more information about the Governor's Safety and Health Conference, "Healthy Alaskans – Today and Beyond," go online to <http://labor.state.ak.us/lss/asac.htm> or call (907)269-4940.

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