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### 5 Skagway Municipal Sites Recognized for Safety

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved five Municipality of Skagway sites for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program for outstanding employee safety and health programs – public safety, administration, recreation center, public works and Dahl Memorial Clinic.

“The Municipality of Skagway places a high value on the safety of its employees,” said Frank Wasmer, Municipality of Skagway safety coordinator. “We are committed to providing a safe workplace for all employees and have developed this program for injury prevention to involve management, supervisors and employees in identifying and eliminating hazards that may develop during our work process. It is basic safety policy that no task is so important that an employee must violate a safety rule or risk injury or illness in order to get the job done.”

Organizations that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers’ compensation insurance costs.

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section in the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. However, employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in enforcement action.

For more information on how a business can become a SHARP participant or to see a list of current participants, visit SHARP online at <http://labor.alaska.gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm>, or call SHARP Program Coordinator Jeff Kolean at 907-269-4953 or email [Jeffrey.Kolean@Alaska.Gov](mailto:Jeffrey.Kolean@Alaska.Gov).

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