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ADOSH Presents MI Windows and Doors with VPP Designation

MI Windows and Doors gains VPP status.

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(Phoenix) - The Industrial Commission of Arizona (ICA) and the Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health (ADOSH) have worked tirelessly to reduce workplace injuries and fatalities throughout Arizona. Through the Commission's efforts, Arizona out performs the national average in both workplace injuries and fatalities. When compared to states operated solely by federal OSHA, Arizona fares even better. These impressive results are the outcome of many different efforts made by the ICA and ADOSH. One of our most important and effective initiatives is our Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) which is a cooperative effort between ADOSH and local businesses to provide a safe work environment.

Last week, MI Windows and Doors in Prescott Valley was granted the VPP distinction after years of preparation and working alongside our ADOSH Consultants. Achieving VPP status is an extraordinary accomplishment and has only been granted to 43 worksites across Arizona. Upon receiving their VPP status MI Windows COO, Mike DeSoto, stated, "For the past two years, the local leaders have poured their heart and soul into engaging with the team to embrace a safety-first culture, to improve our physical work environment and to implement numerous hazard prevention ideas". The Industrial Commission of Arizona and ADOSH are excited that MI Windows has achieved the highest of honors in workplace safety and look forward to helping them sustain their safety culture going forward.

The number of workplace injuries and fatalities have decreased significantly since 2014 in Arizona in large part due to the ICA's emphasis on our ADOSH Consultation Division. The ICA and ADOSH will continue to work with businesses and worksites to improve their safety culture.

To qualify for VPP status, employers must submit an application to OSHA and undergo an onsite evaluation by a team of safety and health professionals. VPP participants and sites earning the "STAR Site" designation are re-evaluated every three to five years in order to remain in the program. VPP participants are exempt from OSHA programmed inspections while they maintain their VPP status.

About ADOSH

The Arizona Division of Occupational Safety and Health operates under an approved plan with the U.S. Department of Labor to retain jurisdiction over

occupational safety and health issues within Arizona, excluding mining operations, Indian Reservations, and federal employees. This jurisdiction encompasses approximately 2.1 million employees and 154,000 public and private establishments. For more information on ADOSH, Consultation Partnership Programs and the Industrial Commission of Arizona, please visit azica.gov or call (602) 542-5795.

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