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## LLR ACCEPTING 2023 SAFETY AWARD APPLICATIONS

**Columbia, South Carolina** – The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation would like to invite employers to participate in the 2023 Safety Awards program. The program recognizes companies' efforts to reduce recordable occupational injuries and illnesses during the past year.

The program is open to any qualifying South Carolina employer, whether large or small, public or private. Awards are presented in three categories:

	Private sector	Public Sector
Palmetto Shining Star	<ul> <li>No fatalities or recordable injuries or illnesses during calendar year 2022;</li> <li>A reduction of at least 40 percent in an employer's incidence rate between 2021 and 2022;</li> <li>A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer's 2022 incidence rate and the 2021 South Carolina average rate for that industry; OR</li> <li>Worked one million or more safe work hours without a lost-time injury or illness in 2022</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No fatalities or recordables during calendar year 2022 (TC = 0);</li> <li>A reduction of at least 20 percent in an employer's incidence rate between 2021 and 2022; OR</li> <li>A difference of at least 50 percent in an employer's 2022 incidence rate and the 2021 South Carolina average rate for the applicable State or Local government NAICS</li> </ul>
Rising Star	A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer's 2022 incidence rate and the 2021 <u>national</u> average rate for that industry	A difference of at least 50 percent in an employer's 2022 incidence rate and the 2021 national average rate for the applicable State or Local government NAICS
Gleaming Star	Less than 100 employees and demonstrates a culture of safety and health both on site and in the community	Less than 100 employees and demonstrates a culture of safety and health both on site and in the community

The application is available <u>here</u>. You may print the application from the website and submit it by <u>email</u>; fax: 803-896-7670; or mail: P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. For more information, please call 803-896-9695.

The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. on May 24, 2023. We look forward to your participation.