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### LLR ACCEPTING 2022 SAFETY AWARD APPLICATIONS

**Columbia, South Carolina** – The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation would like to invite employers to participate in the 2022 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:

|                       | <u>Private sector</u>  | <u>Public Sector</u>   |
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| Palmetto Shining Star | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No fatalities or recordable injuries or illnesses during calendar year 2021;</li> <li>▪ A reduction of at least 40 percent in an employer’s incidence rate between 2020 and 2021;</li> <li>▪ A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer’s 2021 incidence rate and the 2020 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</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No fatalities or recordables during calendar year 2021 (TC = 0);</li> <li>▪ A reduction of at least 20 percent in an employer’s incidence rate between 2020 and 2021; OR</li> <li>▪ A difference of at least 50 percent in an employer’s 2021 incidence rate and the 2020 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 2021 incidence rate and the 2020 <i>national</i> average rate for that industry   | A difference of at least 50 percent in an employer’s 2021 incidence rate and the 2020 <i>national</i> 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 here: <https://llr.sc.gov/aboutus/mediacenter/news/2022/index.aspx>. You may print the application from the website and submit it by email: [Division.Labor@llr.sc.gov](mailto:Division.Labor@llr.sc.gov); 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 13, 2022**. We look forward to your participation.