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Oregon OSHA to partner with Oregon Restaurant Association

Alliance will promote safety and health awareness

(Salem) — As part of an effort to prevent accidents and injuries in the restaurant industry, Oregon's Occupational Safety and Health Division (Oregon OSHA) announces an alliance with the Oregon Restaurant Association.

The partnership will be made official with a signing ceremony:

September 9, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.
Oregon Restaurant Association headquarters
8565 SW Salish Lane, Suite #120
Wilsonville

“The Oregon Restaurant Association is pleased to partner with Oregon OSHA to promote safety in the workplace,” said Steve McCoid, president and CEO of the Oregon Restaurant Association. “We hope the restaurant industry will take full advantage of the various health and safety educational programs Oregon OSHA offers.”

The alliance will help facilitate discussions about safety and health in the workplace. The ORA will work with Oregon OSHA, a division of the Department of Consumer & Business Services, to develop materials for online workshops and safety programs. Also, the ORA will help promote Oregon OSHA's services to its membership, including the confidential consultation program, and Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). The agreement will have no effect on enforcement.

“It's easy to underestimate the hazards faced by restaurant workers every day,” said OSHA Administrator Michael Wood. “Because they are what we might consider ‘ordinary,’ they are taken for granted unless we make a special effort to focus attention on them. This alliance will help us raise awareness about those hazards and how easily they can be addressed, leading to fewer injuries in restaurant workplaces.”

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About Oregon OSHA:

Oregon OSHA, a division of the Department of Consumer & Business Services, enforces the state's workplace safety and health rules and works to improve workplace safety and health for all Oregon workers. For more information, go to www.orosha.org.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services is Oregon's largest business regulatory and consumer protection agency. For more information, visit www.dcbs.oregon.gov.

About the Oregon Restaurant Association:

The Oregon Restaurant Association is the leading business association for the restaurant industry in Oregon, which is comprised of more than 8,100 restaurant and foodservice outlets, a work force of 126,000 employees. The restaurant industry has a total economic impact of \$9.7 billion. The association works to represent, educate, and promote the rapidly growing industry. For more information, visit www.ora.org.