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Number of WRC Certified Staffing Companies Reaches 50

The American Staffing Association (ASA) and Risk Control Services (RCS) announced today that 50 staffing companies have now been awarded Workers' Compensation Risk Certification (WRC).

The WRC program recognizes staffing companies that practice best in class risk management to reduce workplace injuries and related costs. Launched in September of 2005, the number of certified companies is indicative of the program's growing influence.

"The growing number of companies embracing this certification program reflects the staffing industry's commitment to the safety of its workers" states ASA president and CEO, Richard Wahlquist.

To be awarded certification, each company undergoes a thorough review of their operational practices as they apply to hiring and screening, substance abuse, talent matching, employee orientation, client safety evaluations and partnerships, incident investigations and corrective measures, and return to work programs. The results are compared against a system of best practices developed by an advisory council of insurance carriers, insurance brokers, and staffing industry risk managers.

The certification process often includes significant training and redevelopment of a staffing company's corporate culture. "We are serious about the safety of our employees and the impact that this commitment has on the service we offer our customers. We have reduced our injury rates by over 35% since we began the WRC certification process" says Jim Ferry, President and CEO of TradeSource Inc., a national provider of skilled tradespeople to the construction industry. "We are proud to be WRC certified".

RCS, the nation's 5th largest independent risk management consulting firm, conducts ongoing auditing of the operations of each WRC Certified company. Annual audits are a requirement to maintain certification.

The list of certified companies as well as other information about WRC is published on the program's homepage at www.staffingWRCs.com.