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### LLR ACCEPTING 2018 SAFETY AWARD APPLICATIONS

**Columbia, South Carolina** – The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation would like to invite employers to participate in the 2019 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, small or public. Awards are presented in three categories:

	<u>Private sector</u>	<u>Public Sector</u>
Palmetto Shining Star	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ No fatalities or recordable injuries or illnesses during calendar year 2018;</li> <li>▪ A reduction of at least 40 percent in an employer’s incidence rate between 2017 and 2018;</li> <li>▪ A difference of at least 75 percent in an employer’s 2018 incidence rate and the 2017 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 2018 (TC = 0);</li> <li>▪ A reduction of at least 20 percent in an employer’s incidence rate between 2017 and 2018; OR</li> <li>▪ A difference of at least 50 percent in an employer’s 2018 incidence rate and the 2017 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 2018 incidence rate and the 2017 <i>national</i> average rate for that industry	A difference of at least 50 percent in an employer’s 2018 incidence rate and the 2017 <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 by clicking here: [www.scosha.llronline.com](http://www.scosha.llronline.com). You may print the application from the website and submit it by email: [askscosha@llr.sc.gov](mailto:askscosha@llr.sc.gov); fax: 803-896-7670; or mail: P.O. Box 11329, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. For more information, please call 803-896-7687 or 803-896-9695.

The application deadline is **11:59 p.m. on April 26, 2019**. We look forward to your participation.