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Edwards Cast Stone Co. Recognized for Exemplary Safety & Health Program

DES MOINES - On April 18, 2006, Iowa OSHA Consultation awarded Edwards Cast Stone Company of Dubuque, with a Safety and Health Recognition Program (SHARP) Award. SHARP recognizes small employers who operate an exemplary safety and health management system. Acceptance into SHARP by OSHA singles an employer out as a model for worksite safety and health.

“Employers such as Edwards Cast Stone Company set the safety and health management mark across the state”, stated Interim Labor Commissioner Steve Slater, “We’re pleased to recognize their efforts with a SHARP Award”. A recognition ceremony will be held at the company’s facility on July 13, 2006.

Edwards Cast Stone Company is a family-owned business founded in 1964 by Jim Edwards. It is one of the few companies in the United States to successfully produce both wet and dry architectural designed cast stone products for industrial, commercial and residential usage.

“Our employee’s exposure to dust, noise, ergonomic, and air quality are several of the precautions Edwards Cast Stone addresses with the help of IOSHA Consultation and our insurance company to protect our employees”, indicated Doug Edwards. Monthly safety meetings are held and are led by our safety committee who are volunteers from each department in our plant. Edwards Cast Stone manufactures cement, sand and gravel based heavy-to-handle product.

Edwards Cast Stone Company has more than 70 employees and manufactures cast stone products that are delivered throughout the Midwest. “We are dedicated to the quality of manufactured cast stone for our customers and the safety of our employees. All Edwards Cast Stone Company employees participate in and support the company’s Safety Program. At Edwards, we understand that our most important asset is our employees and their safety is imperative to our success,” according to Edwards.

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