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Thank you for an outstanding OSC13!

Thank you to the thousands of business representatives who checked out the latest safety trends, services and programs last week at the 2013 Ohio Safety Congress and Expo (OSC13). We hope you learned something new and picked up some CEU's along the way. More than 250 outstanding exhibitors showcasing workplace products and services also helped make this our best Expo ever. You can see a list of vendors on our website.

Also during OSC13, the following businesses were honored during the second annual Safety Innovations Award competition, which recognizes development of innovative ergonomic and/or safety solutions in Ohio's businesses:

- [Miller Cable Company](#), of Green Springs (Seneca County), received the Risk Reduction Award and People's Choice Award for obtaining mechanical breakers and reducing the need for employees to use jackhammers.
- [Ghent Manufacturing](#), of Lebanon (Warren County), received the Innovation Award for adding a trolley and vacuum system, gauges and a laminating index station at its plant. One of the benefits included eliminating the risk for injury associated with physically lifting steel sheets.
 - [Columbus Window Cleaning](#), of Columbus (Franklin County), received the Cost Savings Award for implementing a water-fed pole system that eliminates the need for ladders for most jobs.
 - [Compunet Clinical Laboratories](#), of Dayton (Montgomery County), received the Simplicity Award for switching to automated pipetting instruments, which decreased cumulative trauma disorder risk for employees.

OSC13 attendance certificates and session handouts are still available at [OhioBWC.com](#) and will remain accessible for 30 days following Safety Congress.

Mark your calendars for next year's event! OSC14 is scheduled for March 25 to 27, 2014.

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Don't miss your chance to save money!

There's still time to enroll in Destination: Excellence, BWC's discount plan that rewards employers for investing in accident prevention, cost control and policy management.

More than 100,000 employers already participate in one or more of the seven programs in the cafeteria-style plan. These employers are expected to save a total of \$28 to \$41 million.

Program options include a go-green discount, whereby employers receive a premium discount for receiving their payroll reports electronically as well as reporting payroll and paying premiums at ohiobwc.com. A transitional work bonus program offers incentives to employers for successfully using transitional work to return injured workers with restrictions to the workplace in a timely yet safe manner.

The enrollment deadline for several components of Destination: Excellence is April 30. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Safety councils honored

BWC recently recognized several of Ohio's 80 safety councils for their efforts to increase safety awareness in the workplace and educate businesses about occupational safety and health issues.

The [Ashtabula Safety Council](#) was named Safety Council of the Year for helping employers understand ways that workplace safety and health programs can increase the overall productivity for businesses. It's the second time in a row the Ashtabula Safety Council received this honor.

Others recognized for their efforts this year:

- Sandusky County Safety Council, second place
- Huron County Safety Council, third place
- Medina County Safety Council, fourth place
- Stark County Safety Council, honorable mention
- Licking County Safety Council, honorable mention
- Ashland Area Safety Council, honorable mention
- Miami County Safety Council, honorable mention

Employers that are active in local safety councils can earn rebates on their workers' compensation premiums. For more information about the Safety Council Program, click [here](#) or call [1-800-644-6292](tel:1-800-644-6292).

Help us detect fraud

BWC takes fraud very seriously. Since January 2011, the BWC's fraud department obtained 290 convictions and identified \$128 million in savings for the State Insurance Fund. We receive a 6-to-1 return on investment in fraud detection.

Injured workers, providers and employers alike may be involved in fraudulent activity. Keeping fraud at bay helps BWC achieve its goals of providing high-quality care to injured workers and financial stability for Ohio's employers.

Visit ohiobwc.com to review the red flags that may indicate fraudulent activity.

If you suspect fraud, let us know by filling out our [online form](#) or by calling 1-800-OHIOBWC.

Check out the [BWC Special Investigations blog](#) for frequent updates about recent fraud cases and other items of interest. Follow us on Twitter @OhioBWCFraud and check out our [Facebook page](#) as well!

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