



## Statewide competition recognizes safety innovations

*BWC looking for competitors – Apply by Oct. 31, 2014*

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) is proud to announce the fourth annual Safety Innovations Competition! This competition encourages and recognizes development of innovative solutions that help to reduce workplace injuries and illnesses.

Ohio companies or organizations that have developed and/or implemented an effective, innovative solution to an occupational safety or health issue can submit an application. Representatives from our Division of Safety & Hygiene will review all entries and select the finalists who will compete for cash prizes.

The finalists will display their innovations at the Ohio Safety Congress & Expo, on April 1 and 2, 2015, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. At that time, a panel of independent judges will evaluate and score the innovations using the criteria below.

**Risk reduction** – reduction in hazards, exposures and/or risk factors

**Innovation** – amount of creativity employed in the development, approach or application of occupational injury/illness prevention/control measures

**Cost savings** – return on investment/potential savings from the reduction in injuries/illnesses and other operational costs

**Potential impact** – potential for use/implementation by other businesses and entities

**Presentation quality** – clear definition of the problem, solution and impact

### New this year!

We will provide monetary awards to the top five winners of the safety innovation competition.

**To apply:** Visit [www.bwc.ohio.gov](http://www.bwc.ohio.gov) by Oct. 31, 2014. Click on safety services.

**Submit questions to:**  
[SafetyInnovations@bwc.ohio.gov](mailto:SafetyInnovations@bwc.ohio.gov) or phone  
1-800-644-6292

NOTE: We will notify semi-finalists on Nov. 17, 2014. At that time, we will make arrangements to gather additional information.

