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Spherion Earns Safety Standard of ExcellenceSM Mark from American Staffing Association and National Safety Council

Program Aims to Reduce Temporary and Contract Worker Injuries, Illnesses and Fatalities

ATLANTA, GA – March 21, 2017 – Spherion Staffing Services recently earned the **Safety Standard of ExcellenceSM** mark. The [Safety Standard of Excellence Program](#), developed by the [American Staffing Association](#) and the [National Safety Council](#), promotes the safety and health of temporary employees placed on assignment with host employers. The program also supports compliance with federal and state occupational safety and health requirements pertaining to the employers' shared responsibility for temporary worker safety. Further, the program defines and measures firms against staffing industry safety best practices.

By participating in the Safety Standard of Excellence Program, staffing companies, their placed workers, and host employers can build knowledge and a mutually beneficial relationship to identify and mitigate or even eliminate workplace hazards and exposures, ensure clear communication between the staffing firms and host employers, and clearly delineate responsibilities of each party—all intended to reduce temporary and contract employee injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

“Every worker is entitled to a safe and healthy workplace. That is why we established the Spherion Safety First Program, which combines strict compliance protocols with safety training, awareness and employee recognition. Keeping Spherion workers safe is a critical priority for us, and we are pleased to be recognized by both the American Staffing Association and the National Safety Council for our efforts to do so,” said Sandy Mazur, Division President of Spherion Staffing Services. “Completely voluntary, the [Safety Standard of Excellence Program](#) entails a rigorous assessment by an independent third party of corporate office policies and procedures, as well as validation across a sample of our branch offices. We earned the Safety Standard of Excellence mark because our firm demonstrated that we’re successfully following our industry’s safety best practices.”

“Companies participating in the Safety Standard of Excellence program are to be commended for taking steps to put their companies’ practices under the microscope and seeking to be the best they can be for their temporary workers,” said Amy Harper, Ph.D., National Safety Council director of workplace initiatives and *Journey to Safety Excellence*. “The commitment to safety demonstrated through Safety

Standard of Excellence program participation should speak volumes to the clients with whom these staffing firms do business.”

“ASA congratulates Spherion for its commitment to protecting and enhancing temporary worker safety, and for being among the first to earn the Safety Standard of Excellence mark,” said Stephen C. Dwyer, Esq., ASA general counsel. “Spherion has tangibly demonstrated to clients, candidates and employees its commitment to safety best practices.”

To learn more about all that Spherion does to support its clients and protect its workers, connect with a [local Spherion office](#).

About Spherion

Spherion Staffing Services (www.spherion.com) is a leading recruiting and staffing provider that specializes in placing administrative, clerical, customer service, light industrial and professional candidates in temporary and full-time positions. To help clients attract, engage and retain a high-performance workforce, Spherion offers in-depth market knowledge, outstanding customer service, a strong network of talent and unique insights from its groundbreaking Emerging Workforce® Study, now in its 20th year. As an industry pioneer, Spherion has, for more than 70 years, sourced, screened and placed millions of individuals in virtually every industry through a network of offices across the U.S. Today, every Spherion office is independently owned and operated by a team of local staffing specialists. To learn more about one of the nation’s fastest-growing industries, visit www.spherion.com/franchise and explore how Spherion is actively expanding into new territories, with more than 75 franchise markets available.

About the American Staffing Association

The American Staffing Association (ASA) is the voice of the U.S. staffing, recruiting and workforce solutions industry. ASA and its affiliated chapters advance the interests of the industry across all sectors through advocacy, research, education and the promotion of high standards of legal, ethical and professional practices. Visit americanstaffing.net.

About the National Safety Council

Founded in 1913 and chartered by Congress, the National Safety Council (NSC), nsc.org, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to save lives by preventing injuries and deaths at work, in homes and communities, and on the road through leadership, research, education and advocacy. NSC advances this mission by partnering with businesses, government agencies, elected officials and the public in areas where we can make the most impact—distracted driving, teen driving, workplace safety, prescription drug overdoses and safe communities.

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