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### **Indiana Department of Labor and Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association Sign Workplace Safety Alliance**

**INDIANAPOLIS** (April 22, 2015)—The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) and the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association (IRMCA) signed a workplace safety and health alliance today. The IDOL and IRMCA will work together to share information and develop best worker safety and health practices for the ready mixed concrete industry.

“The Indiana Department of Labor is always looking for new ways to reach out to the business community,” said IDOL Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “Working with the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association and its member companies will help further promote the message of workplace safety and health excellence.”

According to the most recently published workplace safety and health statistics, the overall non-fatal worker injury and illness rate in 2013 was 3.8 per 100 workers. This rate represents a record low for the state and a one-year decrease of 5 percent. The national non-fatal worker injury and illness rate average for the ready-mix concrete manufacturing was 4.4 per 100 workers.

“Since our founding in 1943, the safety of our members has been a priority for the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association,” said Association President Matt Haehl. “We look forward to combining resources with the Indiana Department of Labor and working together to keep Indiana’s concrete workers safe and healthy on the job.”

The goals of the alliance include:

- Increase communication between the IDOL and IRMCA and its members.
- Develop and disseminate case studies illustrating the business value of safety and health.
- Convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions or stakeholder meetings on topics directly affecting safety and health issues.

For more information about the alliance, visit [www.in.gov/dol/2387.htm](http://www.in.gov/dol/2387.htm).

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**About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and compliance assistance by employers.

**About the Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association:**

The Indiana Ready Mixed Concrete Association was founded in 1943 and was granted not-for-profit status. IRMCA is involved in a broad range of events, marketing, promotions, education and government affairs. IRMCA was formed to encourage the use of high quality Portland cement concrete in pavements, parking lots, structures and residential construction and serves as a marketing and promotional organization for its membership while providing the necessary technical support and informational needs of its members. More information is available at <https://www.irmca.com/>