



**North Dakota  
Workforce Safety  
& Insurance**  
*Putting Safety to Work*

June 30, 2009

Effective today, Workforce Safety & Insurance (**WSI**) will no longer accept new applications for its **WIRC I** and **II** (Workplace Injury Reduction Challenge) safety grant program. This will provide WSI the opportunity to process pending **WIRC** applications and allow WSI to make sure there is enough funding for already accepted applications that may meet the requirements for funding. In addition, WSI wants to modify existing safety incentive programs to better meet the needs of promoting safety in the workplace.

Through both the **HELP** (Hazard Elimination Learning Program) and **WIRC** safety grant matching programs, North Dakota employers and WSI have teamed up to help make North Dakota workplaces the safest in the nation. In the last 3 years, WSI has issued nearly 900 matching grants and committed almost \$18 million to assist employers in purchasing safety interventions. Additionally, nearly \$3 million has been provided by WSI to fund safety training for employers and state associations through the **LMS** (Learning Management System) and **STEP** (Safety Training and Education Program).

**WIRC** grant applications received or postmarked after Tuesday June 30, 2009 will not be considered for funding. Any applications received after this date will be returned.

It is anticipated that within the next six weeks the accumulation of **WIRC** safety grant applications will have completed the review process. In the meantime WSI is committed to fully fund its **LMS**, **Ergonomics Initiative** and **STEP 1 & 2** safety programs. Anyone may keep informed of the latest offerings and developments by following the newest information at the WSI website, [www.WorkforceSafety.com](http://www.WorkforceSafety.com).

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