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## STATE HONORS SIX COMPANIES FOR OUTSTANDING WORKPLACE SAFETY RECORDS

(DENVER) – June is National Safety Month and the Department of Labor and Employment has used this annual focus on safety to honor six Colorado companies for their exemplary track-record in workplace safety. The companies were honored on Wednesday by Governor John Hickenlooper in a reception at the Governor’s Executive Residence.

The 2011 honorees included:

**AMI Mechanical**, a Thornton-based mechanical contracting company that is celebrating its twentieth year in business. AMI Mechanical has also reached another important milestone: In July of 2010 it completed two full years of work without a lost-time accident.

**Mark Young Construction**, a construction management/general contracting firm that provides a wide range of commercial construction services. The company’s management team has ensured its safety program is one of the best in the industry.

**Cedar Red Gathering**, a joint venture between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners. Cedar Red Gathering has kept safety a top priority, maintaining its safety certification from the Division of Workers Compensation for over 15 years.

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**RK Mechanical** provides plumbing, piping and sheet metal fabrication and installation for projects around the world. In 2008, Pinnacol Assurance awarded the company its first annual Circle of Safety Award.

**GE Johnson Construction Company** has invested heavily in a robust safety program and received the Associated General Contractors' National Construction Safety Excellence Award in 2009 and again in 2010.

**Hydro Construction Company** has a thirty year corporate history and, in that time, has achieved an impressive safety record involving extensive and ongoing training for their workers. A safe workplace is never taken for granted at Hydro Construction Company.

Each of the award recipients are certified by the Division of Workers Compensation's Premium Cost Containment Program. The program guides employers in establishing safety practices that can reduce work-related injuries. When companies improve workplace safety, they also reduce their premium costs by 5 to 10%.

Now in its twentieth year, the Premium Cost Containment Program has reduced insurance premiums by almost \$270.7 Million. Currently, 3,812 employers certified in the Premium Cost Containment Program, affecting 357,784 workers. Each of the companies recognized on Wednesday has been certified in the Colorado Premium Cost Containment program.

"A safe workplace benefits everyone," said Governor John Hickenlooper in making the presentations, "and it's a job for everyone. In Colorado, there are roughly 120,000 work-related injuries each year and a quarter of those result in lost time. Reducing that number can be challenging, particularly for some industries, but these award winners will tell you that the benefits in employee productivity and morale and premium savings make it worth the effort." (real quote to replace this one)

Ellen Golombek, Executive Director of the Department of Labor and Employment also extended her congratulations to the recipients. "These awards afford us an opportunity to urge more companies to participate in our Premium Cost Containment Program. Our Division of Workers Compensation can offer technical assistance at no cost and conduct a comprehensive risk assessment of your safety practices or assist with the development of specific policies and procedures."

Companies interested in learning more about the Premium Cost Containment Program should call 303-318-8644.

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