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Advancing the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace

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### Indiana Department of Labor Honors NIBCO Inc. as Workplace Safety and Health Leader

**INDIANAPOLIS** (November 3, 2016) – NIBCO Inc., of Goshen, Indiana, achieved consecutive approval as a ‘STAR’ participant in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). Indiana VPP sites are recognized as leaders in workplace safety and health, and those who achieve the ‘STAR’ title go above and beyond the merit.

NIBCO Inc. is involved in the manufacture of valves, fittings, and other piping products for construction, industrial, fire sprinkler, and environmental protection markets. The plant employs 128 workers. The Goshen location, one of ten in the United States, Poland, and Mexico, has been a part of the Goshen community since 1968. NIBCO’s national headquarters is located in Elkhart, Indiana.

“VPP certification isn’t given lightly, let alone the ‘STAR’ achievement within the program,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “Management and employees at the Goshen NIBCO plant recognize the value of a safe and healthy workplace, and they’ve worked hard to attain that type of environment.”

For the past three years, the plant had an average of 1.1 recordable occupational injury or illness incidents per 100 full-time workers, 83 percent below the industry average of 6.4.

#### **About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

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#### **About VPP:**

The Voluntary Protection Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement of status that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

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