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Horizon Industries Earn exemplary status of the SHARP certification

Tyler, TX – Horizon Industries, the manufacturing division of East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, earned exemplary status of the SHARP certification through the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). SHARP stands for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program, and it recognizes small business employers who operate exemplary injury and illness prevention programs.

“This recognition is significant because we are going above and beyond the minimum standards to prove an exceptionally safe working environment.” said Mitch Erwin, Health and Safety Administrator for Horizon Industries. “We are just 1 of 3 businesses in the City of Tyler and 1 of just 44 business in the state of Texas who have achieved this award.”

OSHA’s on-site consultation program (OSHCON) is OSHA's primary program for providing small business owners free consultation services to address hazards and improve workplace safety and health. These programs are funded by OSHA and run by state grantees that are knowledgeable about the needs of the small businesses they serve. Eligible business have 250 or less employees.

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About East Texas Lighthouse for the Blind

Created in 1976 to serve the needs of the blind and visually impaired the mission of The Lighthouse is to empower blind Americans through rehabilitation, education, training, and employment leading to a fully independent lifestyle. To accomplish that, The Lighthouse offers a wide range of programs and services through Client Services and Horizon Industries. For more information, visit www.tylerlighthouse.org