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Lighthouse receives state and national recognition for safety

Tyler, TX – The Lighthouse held an awards ceremony at 500 N. Bois D ' Arc, Horizon Industries, from 10:30am – 1pm on Tuesday August 16th, 2016 for the recognition of the SHARP Certification and Lone Star Safety Program Award.

“ETLB strives to provide a place of employment that is free from recognizable hazards for all of our employees and visitors, and we are being recognized for our success in this area.” said Mitch Erwin, Health and Safety Administrator for Horizon Industries. “Our exemplary safety program is due to each of our employee’s dedication to live out a safety culture in each and every position on our staff.”

Karen Puckett, Director of Workplace Safety at the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI), was on-site to present the both awards during the ceremony. Also in attendance was Jonna Fitzgerald, District Director, Office of Honorable Louie Gohmert, Reece Dewoody, Deputy Regional Director, Office of Honorable John Cornyn, Sharon Gutherie, Administrative Assistance, Office of Representative David Simpson, Jeff Nelson, Assistant Director of External Relations, Division of Workers Compensation, and Bruce Andrews, OSHCON Consultant.

Photos included. See attached photo list for names and descriptions.

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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

About Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP)

The program recognizes small business employers who have used OSHA's [On-site Consultation Program](#) services and operate an exemplary injury and illness prevention program. Acceptance of your worksite into SHARP from OSHA is an achievement of status that singles you out among your business peers as a model for worksite safety and health.

About Lone Star Safety Program

The DWC Lone Star Safety Program recognizes Texas employers with exemplary safety programs which can serve as models for other employers. To qualify for the program, employers must have a proven safety program, injury incidence rates below the national average for three years prior to application, and no work-related fatalities within the prior 12 months. For more information, visit <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/wc/safety/lonestarsfty.html>