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Koehler Electric Receives Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star Award from Iowa OSHA

October 2– Davenport, IA – Tim Koehler, President of Koehler Electric, a Davenport based residential, commercial and industrial electrical contracting company was presented with a letter from the IA Labor Commissioner saying the company has achieved the VPP Star award for their efforts in occupational safety at the LyondellBasell plastics plant in Clinton, IA. The letter was presented by Shashi Patel, Manager of the IA OSHA VPP program.

VPP promotes effective worksite-based safety and health. In the VPP, management, labor, and OSHA establish cooperative relationships at workplaces that have implemented a comprehensive safety and health management system. Approval into VPP is OSHA's official recognition of the outstanding efforts of employers and employees who have achieved exemplary occupational safety and health.

The company has been working to reach this goal for over three years. Besides meeting all the OSHA regulatory requirements the company holds daily, weekly and monthly safety training for employees. Everyone is involved in the program in some manner, from tracking safety inspections and training to performing weekly shop inspections. The presentation of the award by the Labor Commissioner and a celebration will be held at the LyondellBasell plant on October 14th.

The four principles of VPP are:

1. Management Leadership and Employee Involvement
2. Worksite Analysis
3. Hazard Prevention and Control
4. Safety and Health Training

Koehler Electric joins a prestigious group of only 46 other companies in Iowa (two in Davenport) who have received the OSHA VPP Star. Koehler is the first electrical contractor in the state to attain this status.

About OSHA VPP

OSHA formally announced the program in 1986. For more information go to <https://www.osha.gov/dcsp/vpp/index.html>

About Koehler Electric

Founded by James and Marcia Koehler in 1969, J.W. Koehler Electric, Inc. has served the Quad Cities community for 45 years offering responsive, professional and competitive electrical installations as well as communication installations. Koehler remains family owned and operated by the second generation, Tim Koehler, Robin Rollins & Lesley Wolfe.

Koehler is proud to be signatory to IBEW Local 145 and an executive member of the QC Chapter of (NECA) National Electrical Contractors Association. For more information go to:
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