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NEW GEORGIA TECH PROGRAM HELPS GEORGIA EMPLOYERS
MEET OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS

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ATLANTA, GA.....Georgia business and industry can now receive, upon request, free confidential assistance in meeting occupational safety and health standards, thanks to a million dollar grant recently awarded Georgia Tech's Engineering Experiment Station (EES) by the U.S. Department of Labor.

According to Bill Howard of EES, the grant provides for a new on-site assistance program that offers Georgia employers an opportunity to voluntarily comply with federal occupational safety and health regulations without fear of citations and fines.

Howard, who is director of the Tech program, said that a firm which qualifies for the on-site safety and health consultation service can receive assistance from Georgia Tech professionals on:

- understanding the requirements of applicable federal occupational safety and health laws and regulations,
- identifying safety and health hazards in the firm's work place, and
- successfully eliminating or controlling these hazards.

"This program is designed to assist employers in providing a safer work place for their employees, thereby reducing accidents and saving lives," Howard says. "This, in turn, would reduce insurance costs, reduce the

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likelihood of fines from OSHA compliance officers and also increase profits for Georgia business and industry."

Trained safety and health consultants, working from the Georgia Tech campus and from the eight Tech area offices located around the state, will visit a firm's facility at the request of management and make recommendations regarding safety and health problems. The Georgia Tech area offices are located in Albany, Augusta, Carrollton, Douglas, Macon, Rome, Savannah and, most recently, Gainesville.

According to Howard, the scope of a consultation visit depends entirely upon the employer. Assistance may range from solving a specific safety or health problem to providing an in-depth safety and health survey of an entire company.

Any firm that is interested in the safety and health of its employees can receive assistance under this program, says Howard. Priority will be given, however, to small businesses, to businesses with hazardous operations, and to businesses seriously trying to voluntarily comply with occupational safety and health regulations.

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