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**ONTARIO SAFETY PARTNERS SAFETY GROUP AWARDED \$239,134.51 IN REBATES FROM WSIB FOR IMPROVING SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE**

ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO (October 31, 2006) – THE BURKE GROUP ANNOUNCES that its 2005 sponsored safety group program, ONTARIO SAFETY PARTNERS will receive \$239,134.51 in Workplace Safety Insurance Board (WSIB) rebates to be distributed amongst 24 participating firms. Members will be awarded the rebates for initiatives that reduced both the frequency and severity of workplace injuries in 2005. ONTARIO SAFETY PARTNERS membership is increasing; today our group is comprised of 35 multi-sector industry members across Ontario.

The overwhelming success of the group is evidenced by record breaking high achievement ratings year after year (*98% average 2003 – 2005*). Along with reduction of frequency and severity in workplace injury claims, the achievement rating is also one of the contributing factors that determine the total financial rebate awarded to the group by the WSIB. The achievement rating score is a result of the group's overall success at implementing their safety initiatives for the year. ONTARIO SAFETY PARTNERS is proud to hold one of the highest achievement rating records amongst all safety groups program sponsors across Ontario.

In addition to the program's financial rebate incentive, our members directly experience results through improved accident prevention, productivity and reduced claims and costs related to workplace accidents and injuries. The WSIB's Safety Groups Program and Workwell Program utilize the same five step model approach, which serves as the foundation for building, delivering and sustaining an effective health and safety program.

THE BURKE GROUP has been an involved sponsor in the program since 2003 and in keeping with its mission statement, *"We are committed to enhancing the success of our clients and business partners by successfully linking Human Resources to Business Strategies"* and loyalty to share knowledge and promote best practices, THE BURKE GROUP will continue to support ONTARIO SAFETY PARTNERS as it attains new health and safety objectives in the coming year.

For the past 27 years, THE BURKE GROUP has been providing innovative staffing and human resources consulting services to organizations throughout Ontario. As Human Resources specialists, it is our role to identify needs and provide practical solutions that work for our clients and community. We value people and partnerships.

For more details on how to become a member of this high performance, high achievement safety group for 2007 contact Monique Charette or Jacqueline Duffy via email at [moniquec@theburkegroup.com](mailto:moniquec@theburkegroup.com) or [jacquelined@theburkegroup.com](mailto:jacquelined@theburkegroup.com) or toll free at 1.888.896.3618. Deadline for new member applications is December 31, 2006.

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