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ABIH Donates \$5,000 to AIHA

ABIH contributes to the AIHA Value of the Profession study

FAIRFAX, VA (February 5, 2007) — The American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) received a contribution in the amount of \$5,000 from the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH).

“ABIH supports the efforts of AIHA because we recognize the significance this study will have on the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and the industrial hygiene profession as a whole,” said Lynn O'Donnell, CIH, executive director of ABIH.

One of AIHA's main goals is to effectively communicate the value that the industrial hygiene (IH)/occupational health (OH) profession brings to business. While practitioners and others have long understood the value, there is limited data demonstrating the relationship between improvements in worker health and positive business results. Where such data does exist, it is most often focused on employee safety/accident prevention, and not the prevention of short-term and long-term disease and illness through the improvement in working conditions and process flow and design that IH/OH professionals address. Because of this, IH/OH professionals in particular, have had a difficult task of proving that investments in related staffing and programs can contribute to business value and success.

“AIHA extends its sincere appreciation to ABIH for their generous support of the Value of the Profession study,” said AIHF President Frank M. Renshaw, PhD, CIH, CSP. “The results of the Value of the Profession study will be promoted far and wide and packaged for members to use in their workplaces and in their communities to help others understand the importance of their work.”

For more information regarding ABIH's donation, please contact Peter O'Neil at (703) 846-0760 or poneil@aiha.org.

Founded in 1939, the **American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)** is the premier association of occupational and environmental health and safety professionals. AIHA's 11,600 members play a crucial role on the front line of worker health and safety every day. Members represent a cross-section of industry, private business, labor, government, and academia. For more information, go to www.aiha.org.