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Alaskan Brewing Company Recognized for Outstanding Safety and Health Program

(Juneau) - Alaskan Brewing Company was awarded SHARP designation today, Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at a ceremony held during the company's quarterly safety meeting for all staff. Presenting the award were Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development Commissioner Greg O'Claray and Division of Labor Standards and Safety Director Grey Mitchell.

The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) recognizes small employers who maintain top-notch workplace safety and health programs and have workplace illness and injury rates that are below national averages in their industry classification. It is a national program under the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), and is administered by the State of Alaska's Occupational Health Safety (AKOSH) section.

"This company produces superior products and they do it the right way," said Commissioner O'Claray. "Workplace safety and health is a cornerstone to this company's great success. Alaskan Brewing Company is achieving high standards and helping us provide good, safe jobs for Alaskans."

This is Alaskan Brewing Company's third SHARP designation and it exempts them from generally-scheduled AKOSH enforcement inspections through Dec. 9, 2007. The company will continue to be subject to enforcement in cases of employee complaints or accident investigations. Alaskan Brewing Company has seen reduced workers' compensation rates as a result of its participation in the SHARP program.

There are only 10 other SHARP sites in Alaska and about 1,200 nationwide.

Today's award presentation will be featured on "Our Alaska," the Governor's weekly television newsletter, on Friday, Jan. 13, 2006. "Our Alaska" airs in Juneau and on the Alaska Rural Communication Service (ARCS).

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