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### **Fairbanks Community Food Bank Renewed for Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Award**

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Dianne Blumer approved Fairbanks Community Food Bank for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program renewal as a result of outstanding employee safety and health programs.

“We are so proud to be part of the AKOSH SHARP program because anything we can do to make the Fairbanks Community Food Bank the safest worksite in Alaska for our 1,800 volunteers each year is our goal,” Executive Director Samantha Kirstein said. “We need and appreciate the good training provided by AKOSH to meet that goal. We appreciate the time AKOSH invests in our program to collect and distribute local surplus food to local people.”

SHARP is a federal recognition program, administered by the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section in the department's Labor Standards and Safety Division. Participating employers are excused from programmed AKOSH enforcement inspections during the recognition period. However, employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in enforcement action.

Companies that partner with AKOSH and achieve SHARP status are likely to experience fewer workplace accidents and reduced workers' compensation insurance costs. For more information on SHARP or to see a list of current participants, go online [Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm](http://Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/OSH-SHARP.htm), or contact SHARP Program Coordinator John King at (907) 269-4958 or [John.King@Alaska.Gov](mailto:John.King@Alaska.Gov).

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