

The Standard's Workplace PossibilitiesSM Program Receives "Partners in Prevention" Award from City of Portland

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Standard Insurance Company ("The Standard") announced today that the city of Portland, Ore., has recognized its Workplace PossibilitiesSM program with the "Partners in Prevention" award for successfully improving city employees' safety and health.

The Standard's Workplace Possibilities program was recognized for its partnership with the city on successes such as:

- immediate relief of pain and discomfort for employees using approved ergonomic accommodations at work, saving both time and money
- helping to minimize or prevent workers' compensation and disability claims
- potential breakthrough improvements on how employees perform a specific task, process or job

Only a handful of "Partners in Prevention" awards have been granted in the past 15 years. The criteria requires that two or more organizations work together to solve or significantly improve a safety and health-related issue.

"The goal of Workplace Possibilities is to make returning to work easier for employees coming back from a medical leave, and to keep those at risk of a disability on the job," said Alison Daily, director of Workplace Possibilities at The Standard. "By providing support and customized accommodations at the workplace, we can help prevent and reduce worker injury."

The award is part of Safety Recognition Day, an annual program that recognizes individuals and organizations that have actively promoted safety and loss prevention for the City of Portland's employees and citizens in 2010. The city presented the award to The Standard's Dan McMillan, vice president of Insurance Services, and Steve Cooper, vocational case manager, during a ceremony held Feb. 9, 2011, at Portland City Hall.

"We're honored to be recognized by the city for our commitment to providing employers with new and innovative ways to keep employees healthy and at work," McMillan said.

The city also recognized other local companies for promoting safety and loss prevention for the City of Portland employees and citizens in categories such as Industrial Ergonomics, Life Saver and Creative Outstanding Safety Committee Chairperson.

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