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## Indiana Furniture Facility Certified for Workplace Safety and Health Programs

**Jasper,** (May 17, 2017) – Indiana Furniture of Jasper, Indiana, achieved certification in the Indiana Safety and Health Recognition Program (INSHARP).

Indiana Furniture employs 47 of their nearly 300 workers in their Flat Line Assembly facility that finishes, machines, assembles, and ships office furniture case goods. Established in 1905, the certified small business manufacturer recently celebrated its 112<sup>th</sup> year in operation. In addition to INSHARP certification, Indiana Furniture holds Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association's level 2 certification for all case goods, tables, and seating products, which assures the facility's processes and products are environmentally safe.

"Certification in a state-sanctioned workplace safety and health program doesn't come easily," said Commissioner of Labor Rick J. Ruble. "Indiana Furniture has gone above and beyond to protect its employees, and the Indiana Department of Labor is proud to recognize those efforts with INSHARP certification."

The company's staff has a thorough safety and health program with a variety of preventative training and other measures in place to protect employees. With no Occupational Safety and Health-recordable injuries or illnesses in the two years prior to certification, the facility's three-year workplace injury and illness rate was nearly 36 percent lower than the national industry average of 4.2.

"Indiana Furniture is proud of the INSHARP accomplishment by our team. It takes everyone in the organization to develop a culture of a safe workplace," stated Max Verkamp, President and CEO of Indiana Furniture. "Our people have done a great job of living out one of our key success factors of a safe work environment. Efficient processes and quality products can only be meaningful if our employees are safe."

## **About INSHARP:**

The Indiana Safety and Health Recognition Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in INSHARP is an achievement of status that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter: <u>@INDeptofLabor</u> and Like on Facebook: <u>facebook.com/IndianaDeptartmentofLabor</u>.

## **About Indiana Furniture:**

Indiana Furniture, headquartered in Jasper, Indiana for over a century, is committed to providing our customers with office furnishings of the highest standards in quality and craftsmanship. Through advanced information systems and state-of-the-art technology, our company delivers a wide range of environmentally conscious products, styles and sizes at competitive prices. To learn more, visit www.IndianaFurniture.com.