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VA WORKERS' COMPENSATION LETTER 99-1

FIRST ANNUAL FEDERAL WORKERS' COMPENSATION CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION

1. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is proud to announce its sponsorship of the First Annual Federal Workers' Compensation Conference and Exposition, which will be held August 29 through September 1, 1999, in Orlando, Florida. This is the first Federal Conference and Exposition ever held solely addressing programs covered under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

2. The classes cover subjects of special interest to Employee Health Personnel and Safety Managers/Officers, as well as Workers' Compensation Managers, Specialists, and Coordinators. The Conference theme is "Working Together for Workforce 2000" and promotes "Best Practices" utilized by the different Federal departments to effectively and efficiently manage workers' compensation costs, lost workdays, and accident rates. The Conference will offer approximately 54 classes presented by experts from Federal departments and the private sector.

3. The Conference will allow experts in special interest groups to present the "Best Practices" utilized in their departments and to establish networking groups that will continue to exchange ideas and policies long after the Conference has ended. Approximately 100 vendors will also be present to offer attendees information on their services and products. It is expected that approximately 2,600 attendees will participate in this Conference.

4. I encourage all VA facilities to support this Conference and send personnel who assist you in lowering workers' compensation costs. Please call 410-642-1857 for registration information or to obtain a registration package from the VA occupational safety and health intranet web page at http://vaww.va.gov/vasafety, or on the internet at http://www.va.gov/vasafety.

5. Questions regarding this conference may be directed to Royce Britt, Workers' Compensation Program Manager, Office of Occupational Safety and Health, at 202-273-9830.

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