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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS PRESENT NATIONAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS TO WINNERS FROM CA, FL, IL, MD, NC, TX

Des Plaines, IL (June 22, 2005) — The American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) recently presented the Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service award to eight recipients which include Richard R. Bourlon of Dallas, TX; Jeffrey C. Camplin of Mundelein, IL; Thomas F. Cecich of Apex, NC; Hector M. Escarcega of Los Angeles, CA; Mark A. Friend of Daytona Beach, FL; Emory E. Knowles of Baltimore, MD; Cynthia L. Lewis of Santa Fe, TX; and Linda G. Rhodes of Chicago, IL, for their ongoing volunteer work and commitment to protecting people, property and the environment.

The Charles V. Culbertson Outstanding Volunteer Service award is named after ASSE's late vice president of communications. This award recognizes select members of the executive board, national committee members and practice specialty officers who have helped advance the occupational safety, health and environmental profession through exemplary volunteer service to the Society during the past year. The awards were presented during ASSE's annual conference June 12-15 in New Orleans, LA.

Richard R. Bourlon, P.E., CSP, ALCM, of Dallas, TX, was recognized for his work as a member of the ASSE Board of Directors and as vice president of ASSE Region III, which has chapters throughout Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. He helped shape a new vision for the Society as a member of the ASSE Strategic Planning Committee, chaired two committees of the Council on Member and Region Affairs (COMRA) and serves on the ASSE Public Relations Committee. An ASSE Southwest Chapter member, Bourlon serves as associate vice president for DMJM HARRIS, and he holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas, Austin.

ASSE Northeastern Illinois Chapter member Jeffrey C. Camplin, CSP, of Mundelein, IL, received the award in recognition of his efforts as administrator of the Environmental Practice Specialty, a best practices group focusing on environmental safety. A member of the Z690 Mold Remediation Canvas Standards Project, Camplin also chaired a taskforce to enhance the ASSE Practice Specialty websites and he played a pivotal role in the creation of a "Knowledge Network" for gathering and distributing critical safety information to members. He serves as president of Camplin Environmental Services, Inc. and he holds a B.S. in Safety from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Foundation and the Professional Development Conference (PDC). Serving as chair of the PDC program subcommittee, Cecich helped maintain a high quality program to ensure record-breaking attendance at the Las Vegas annual conference. He played a key role in the implementation of Key Issues Roundtables and the Executive Summit Panel at this conference. In addition, he is an ASSE Foundation trustee and a member of the North Carolina Chapter of

ASSE. He is president of TFC & Associates, a safety, health and environmental management consulting firm. Cecich retired from GlaxoSmithKline in December 2003 where he served as vice president of Environmental, Health and Safety Global Business Support. He previously served as president of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). He holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Miami and an M.S. in Industrial Engineering from North Carolina State University with a specialty in ergonomics.

Hector M. Escarcega, CSP, ARM, of Los Angeles, CA, was recognized for his efforts as founder and chair of the common interest group "Safety Professionals and the Latino Workforce" (SPALW), providing a viable network to those interested in the Latino workforce and related safety issues. He has also contributed articles and presentations related to safety and the Spanish-speaking workforce. Escarcega is a member of the ASSE Los Angeles Chapter, and he previously served as their chapter president. He is president of Bilingual Solutions International.

Mark Friend, Ed.D., CSP, of Daytona Beach, FL, received the service award for his efforts chairing the Educational Standards Committee. He is noted for his work with exploring a distance learning Ph.D. program and with the development of a Society Position Statement on the value of accredited degrees. A member of the ASSE Cape Canaveral Chapter, Friend served as a member of the Academics Practice Specialty Advisory Committee and he is a past recipient of the William Tarrants Outstanding Safety Educator award. He is a professor and Chair of Applied Aviation Sciences at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, FL. He holds a B.S. in Business Administration, an M.S. in Industrial Relations, and an Ed.D. in Safety Management, all from West Virginia University.

Emory E. Knowles, CSP, CIH, of Baltimore, MD, received the award for his work as chair of the Government Affairs Committee. A member of the ASSE Chesapeake Chapter, his service includes testifying for ASSE in Washington D.C. and writing documents in support of ASSE positions on legislative and regulatory issues. He serves as manager of Industrial Hygiene and Safety for Northrop Grumman Electronic. Knowles holds a B.S. in Biology from the College of Steubenville, an M.S. in Microbiology from West Virginia University, and an M.S. in Safety Sciences from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

ASSE Gulf Coast Chapter member Cynthia L. Lewis of Santa Fe, TX, was recognized for her continued service to the Society, which includes her work as Region III assistant vice president for the Committee on Professional Development, assistant administrator of the Industrial Hygiene Practice Specialty, and as a member of the ASSE Public Relations Committee. She is noted for her work in recruitment, retention and nurturing of student members of ASSE. As part of North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week, she continued to support the alliance between the Houston Independent School District and OSHA; spoke in D.C. to the Federal Network for Young Worker Safety and Health; and spearheaded the second annual YouthRules! Rally and Job Fair in Houston, which drew more than 8,000 students. A past Gulf Coast Chapter President, Lewis is principal of Creative Safety Solutions and she

previously served as an industrial hygienist at KBR in Houston. She holds an M.S.P.H. from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a B.S. in Chemistry from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, IL.

Linda G. Rhodes, CSP, of Chicago, IL, was recognized for her efforts as a member of the Council on Professional Development and chair of a taskforce that developed a successful training safety symposium responding to the needs of ASSE members. Rhodes is a member of the ASSE Greater Chicago Chapter and she serves as manager of Safety for the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA). Her son was one of the first winners of the ASSE 'Safety-on-the-Job' kids poster contest in 2003.

Founded in 1911, the Des Plaines, IL-based ASSE is the oldest and largest professional safety organization and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. Its 30,000 occupational safety, health and environmental professional members manage, supervise, research and consult on safety, health, transportation and environmental issues in all industries, government, labor and education. For more information check ASSE's website at www.asse.org.

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