

## Media Release



For Immediate Release

### Contact:

**Aspirus Occupational Health:** Tammy Szekeress

**Comp Save Solutions:** Judy Jacobs

**NTC:** Theresa Gutsch

**REI Engineering:** Jeny Gustafson

### LOCAL BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP A FIRST IN THE REGION

#### ASPIRUS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, COMP-SAVE SOLUTIONS, NTC AND REI ENGINEERING FORM SOLUTIONS 4 SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

(Wausau, WI) - Local professionals are teaming together to assist industry in safety compliance and injury prevention. Aspirus Occupational Health, Comp-Save Solutions, Northcentral Technical College (NTC) and REI Engineering have partnered to provide local business with a single source for coverage in all aspects of the safety compliance challenges most companies face. This strategic partnership draws the expertise of business, health care and education. The group's name, Solutions 4 Safety represents the four entities involved in this innovative approach.

There is a void for businesses looking to comply with local, state and federal safety compliance and many companies believe they have to go outside of Central Wisconsin to get this type of turn-key service. This new collaboration provides area companies the resources and support needed to meet safety regulations. Aspirus Occupational Health provides numerous occupational health services that can benefit employers and employees through prevention, and managed injury care. Comp-Save Solutions provides the analysis of your past and current worker's compensation rating to in-turn produce bottom-line savings to the company. NTC provides the educational vehicle to train and educate the workforce on current regulations. REI Engineering provides the on-site prevention and implementation of safety compliance.

**LOCAL BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

“Companies inherently want to create prevention programs that are affordable and produce results,” stated local business owner and safety partnership member Jeny Gustafson. “We are now able to provide a single source for our businesses to get the assistance needed to achieve these results.”

Many companies choose to get assistance on safety compliance and injury prevention through outside sources. “Having a safe work environment is good for everyone. There are too many regulations for most small businesses to create a safety program that is in compliance with state and federal regulations. With our consultant’s leadership, I am very confident we have a safer workplace that can also withstand the scrutiny of any state or federal agency,” stated local business owner Ron Serwa of Vortex Tool.

The two biggest reason’s companies cite the need to comply with safety regulations are cost savings and decreased employee turnover. The numbers can be detrimental to a business. One disabling employee injury can cost a company \$29 thousand dollars and a fatality can cost over \$1 million dollars. Many people don’t understand that past injuries determine future worker’s compensation rates. Therefore, if you had an injury at your facility two years ago, you are still paying the price within your current worker’s compensation rates.