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**ELWOOD STAFFING® & ELWOOD TRADESMEN® EARN SAFETY STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE<sup>SM</sup> MARK FROM THE AMERICAN STAFFING ASSOCIATION**

***Program Aims to Reduce Temporary and Contract Worker Injuries, Illnesses, and Fatalities***

**(Columbus, Ind.) April 12, 2017**—Elwood Staffing and Elwood Tradesmen (Elwood's dedicated skilled trades staffing division) recently earned the Safety Standard of Excellence (SSE) mark. The SSE certification process and designation were developed by the American Staffing Association (ASA) and the National Safety Council (NSC) to promote staffing industry-wide safety standards and compliance with federal and state occupational safety and health requirements.

Elwood is one of only six U.S. staffing firms to achieve this designation.

The voluntary certification entailed a rigorous third-party audit of Elwood Staffing and Elwood Tradesmen's corporate safety policies and procedures, as well as validation across a sample of Elwood branch offices. The designation signifies Elwood's commitment to ensuring applicant safety training and orientation, worksite evaluations, necessary worker protections, and collaborative incident management protocols.

Elwood Staffing Occupational Safety Manager Sharon Pancamo, also current chairman of the ASA safety committee, worked closely with the NSC for two years in the development of the SSE auditing process.

"Maintaining a strong safety culture has always been a top priority for Elwood; it's nice to have an industry-validated designation that demonstrates this to our client company partners. It's certain to give us the leading edge when businesses compare staffing partner qualifications," shares Elwood Staffing President John Elwood. "I'm also extremely proud to have a member of the Elwood team serve as such a valuable contributor in the development of this very important national program."

Both staffing firms and host employers have roles in complying with workplace health and safety requirements, and they share responsibility for ensuring temporary workers' safety and health. By participating in the SSE program, Elwood, along with its placed workers and host employers, can better identify and mitigate, or even eliminate, workplace hazards and exposures, ensure clear communication, and clearly delineate responsibilities of each party—all intended to reduce temporary and contract employee injuries, illnesses, and fatalities.

To learn more about the Safety Standard of Excellence program, visit [americanstaffing.net](http://americanstaffing.net).

For more information about Elwood Staffing and Elwood Tradesmen, visit [elwoodstaffing.com](http://elwoodstaffing.com) and [elwoodtradesmen.com](http://elwoodtradesmen.com).

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