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SWRIInstitute Renews Alliance with OSHA

Kansas City, MO: August 12, 2009 -- The Sealant, Waterproofing & Restoration Institute (SWRIInstitute) renewed its alliance with the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to continue providing SWRIInstitute members and other stakeholders in the sealant, waterproofing, and restoration industry with information about workplace health and safety training resources. The alliance will continue to address issues such as confined spaces, falls, lead and silica hazards, and staging requirements.

“The Alliance has been nothing short of being invaluable to the Sealant Waterproofing Restoration Institute,” said SWRIInstitute’s Safety Chair Ron Pilla. “Since inception of the Alliance, we have put together numerous compliance assistant tools that have been used in many fashions throughout the country in our Industry. We have done this with one goal in mind and that is, focusing on the “bottom line, bring people home safe and sound to their friends and family.”



From the left: SWRIInstitute Member Ron Pilla, Valcourt Exterior Building Services, LLC, Jordan Barab, Former Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor and Dan Cain, The George D. Alan Company renew the alliance for another two years.

OSHA representatives have participated in the SWRIInstitute Winter Technical Meetings in 2006 and 2007, the Fall Technical Meeting in 2008 and the Alliance Program's Construction Roundtable Design for Safety and Fall Protection Workgroups. Through this workgroup, SWRIInstitute developed a slide presentation addressing fall protection issues in the construction industry as well as tool box talks on ladders. Currently, the two

organizations are cooperatively creating a Safety and Health Field Manual designed for the Foreman in English and Spanish and plans for its release in the fall of 2009.

“All of the products produced would not have been possible if it wasn’t for all the time, energy and hard work from our OSHA Alliance Coordinators,” says Pilla, “It has been an extremely successful program with many rewards. There is no doubt our taxes are being paid off with this program. I sure hope this program continues. I truly believe we are saving lives together.”

SWRInstitute is an international trade association that represents the commercial sealant, waterproofing and restoration construction industry. With over 260 member companies, SWR Institute’s membership represents some of the most experienced and qualified contractors, manufacturers and design professionals in the industry. Through educational programs and publications, SWR Institute members promote industry-wide standards of application and products. For more information please go to www.swrionline.org.

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