



September 2, 2008

Dear Oklahoma Business:

The Oklahoma Academy for State Goals, the Oklahoma Turning Point Council, The State Chamber of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma State Department of Health are pleased to announce the **2008 Oklahoma Certified Healthy Business Program**. This initiative seeks to recognize businesses (for-profit, non-profit, and education) working to improve Oklahoma's health status by providing health and wellness opportunities for their employees.

Businesses with paid staff are encouraged to apply each year. Enclosed is a Certified Healthy Business form for your completion. Each year, we distinguish between small businesses and large corporations. Categories include small workplaces (1-25 employees), medium workplaces (26-100 employees), large workplaces (101 – 999 employees), and corporate workplaces (1000 or more employees). Educational institutions have the same categories based on number of staff employed.

- Certification requirements vary: Corporate = 25 points, Large = 20 points, Medium = 15, and Small 10 points.
- Businesses should work toward developing specific activities in each of the seven wellness categories.
- In order to reach the highest certification (Excellence) a business must have a tobacco free policy for all property under it's control.

Upon review of the tally score sheet, businesses, for-profit, non-profit, and educational institutions that meet the criteria and become certified will be honored at a luncheon, January 13, 2009, at the Phillips Pavilion on the grounds of the Governor's Mansion. Additional recognition activities for the businesses are in the planning stages.

What is in it for you? You will be recognized for providing positive health and wellness activities for your workforce and contributing to the overall health improvement of all Oklahomans.

Thank you for your participation. We look forward to hearing from you. To ensure we have sufficient time to select our Certified Healthy Businesses, please complete and return your form no later than **October 15, 2008**. You may either complete the form online at <http://www.okturningpoint.org> or complete the hard copy and return it to:

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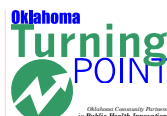
Yours in Good Health,

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