## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## ACCUFORM SIGNS RECOGNIZED WITH SHARP AWARD

**Brooksville, FL, January 15, 2013 –** OSHA and USF SafetyFlorida officially recognize Accuform Signs as a leader in workplace safety.

Accuform Signs, itself a supplier of workplace safety solutions, received OSHA's SHARP (Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program) award, which is given to private sector, small businesses with exemplary safety and health management programs. Fewer than 100 companies in Florida are SHARP-certified.



Wayne Johnson, CEO of Accuform Signs stated that "we are extremely honored to have successfully achieved our SHARP certification. I would strongly recommend participation in the SHARP program to other businesses because the process really helped to strengthen our internal health and safety program, and it is great to receive recognition for our continued effort. As a manufacturer of safety solutions this also uniquely identifies Accuform as being serious about safety."

Charlene Sitterly, program director of USF SafetyFlorida, says that earning a SHARP award is a badge of honor. "Businesses dedicated to workplace safety and health that earn this award work tremendously hard every day to keep their people safe. I commend Accuform Signs for its commitment to their employees' safety and well-being."

USF SafetyFlorida recommends employers to OSHA for a SHARP award. To qualify, an employer must request a consultation from USF Safety Florida that involves a complete hazard identification assessment and engages employees in the consultation process. The company agrees to correct hazards identified during the consultation, implement and maintain a safety and health management system that addresses OSHA's Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines, reduce its Days Away, Restricted or Transferred (DART) rate and Total Recordable Case (TRC) rate below national average, and agree to notify its state Consultation Project Office prior to making changes to working conditions or introducing new hazards into the workplace.

## **About Accuform Signs**

Accuform Signs, located in Brooksville, FL, is the leading manufacturer of facility safety identification products. Founded in 1976, Accuform Signs sells products to a network of distributors throughout North America, South America and Asia. From personalized safety signs, safety tags and labels, to traffic safety and lockout/tag out products, Accuform Signs provides the products and sales support for the distributors that define the safety industry.

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