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Washington State Department of Labor and Industries Recertifies SEL as a VPP Star Employer

PULLMAN, WA — April 10, 2012 — Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc. (SEL) has been recognized by the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) for achieving excellence in workplace safety and health at its Pullman headquarters. On Friday, April 6, Bruce Zeller, Washington State Department of L&I manager of Education and Outreach Services awarded SEL with recertification of its Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star status. Zeller addressed SEL employee owners at their weekly Friday Lunch business meeting and thanked them for their commitment, ownership, and effort in achieving and maintaining VPP Star status.

Washington State Department of L&I awards VPP Star status in accordance with the Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act of 1973 (WISHA) to workplaces that have developed outstanding safety and health programs. SEL Pullman first earned VPP Star status in 2006 through commitment, leadership, and extensive employee involvement in creating a continuously improving safety and health program and safety record. Companies are eligible for recertification every three years after conducting comprehensive annual self-evaluations and the successful completion of a comprehensive on-site audit by WISHA staff. Since 2008, SEL has achieved a 70 percent reduction in recordable injuries while significantly increasing the number of employees at the Pullman campus by nearly 1,000 people. In 2011, SEL Pullman's injury/illness recordable rate and days away/restricted/transferred work incident rate was 48 percent below the national industry rate.

SEL is the largest of 33 Washington State employers to have earned this prestigious designation. To date, less than 2,390 national sites have achieved the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA's) elite VPP certification in the United States.

SEL Pullman employs more than 1,800 workers on a 130-acre campus. With 11 buildings and more than 500,000 square feet of facilities, SEL provides a wide range of equipment and extensive services to protect, monitor, control, and communicate with electric power systems, generators, motors, transformers, and related apparatus worldwide. SEL is a global leader in the design and manufacture of control buildings, panels, and fault indicators. Its products are in use in more than 140 countries. With 49 offices in the United States and 42 international offices, SEL employs more than 3,000 people globally.

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