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**Alexandria Extrusion Company recognized as MNSTAR worksite Nov. 20**

Workplace safety and health representatives from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) will recognize Alexandria Extrusion Company for its achievements as a MNSTAR (Minnesota Star) worksite during a ceremony at 11 a.m., Nov. 20, in Alexandria, Minn.

MNSTAR is a Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MNOSHA) program that recognizes companies where managers and employees work together to develop safety and health management systems that go beyond basic compliance with all applicable OSHA standards and result in immediate and long-term prevention of job-related injuries and illnesses.

“We are pleased to reward Alexandria Extrusion Company for being one of the best in safety and health,” said Scott Brener, Department of Labor and Industry commissioner.

Alexandria Extrusion Company is an ISO 9001:2000 certified supplier of precision aluminum extrusions, with value-added services including CNC machining, welding, assembly and finishing. The privately held company was established in 1966 and has approximately 280 employees.

“It’s a great honor and privilege to receive the MNSTAR award. It’s a great recognition for the many hours put in by all of our people to get us to this point,” said Tom Schabel, Alexandria Extrusion Company president. “The people we work with are our friends and relatives, so safety is absolutely critical to us. Today, we have a safer workplace and this process will help us improve upon our safety performance.”

Brener and other DLI representatives will commemorate the manufacturing plant’s employee-employer relationship by presenting a MNSTAR flag and a certificate that exempts the facility for three years from OSHA Compliance scheduled inspections.

MNSTAR began in Minnesota in January 1999, and is modeled after the federal OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), which began in 1982. Alexandria Extrusion Company is the 12th MNSTAR worksite in Minnesota. There are currently more than 800 companies nationwide that have met the program requirements. For more information, visit [www.doli.state.mn.us/mnstar.html](http://www.doli.state.mn.us/mnstar.html).

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