WFIA Celebrates Charlie’s Produce for Outstanding Workplace Safety Efforts

Charlie’s Produce recognized for workplace safety excellence

OLYMPIA — Charlie’s Produce has been honored by the Washington Food Industry Association (WFIA) for outstanding workplace safety in 2022 in the large group category.

The WFIA Excellence in Safety Awards (EISA) recognize member companies that have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to workplace safety.

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Candidates for the award must be actively enrolled in the association’s retrospective rating program, have an experience modification rating below the industry average, and submit a self-evaluation application with a score of 90 percent or greater before the required deadline.

A program review is conducted by Employer Resources Northwest and WFIA to ensure candidates can objectively demonstrate the highest standards. The review includes documentation of prevention strategies such as, employee engagement, annual planning, safety leadership and employee training.

Employees, supervisors and company leaders are all interviewed as a part of the review process. Throughout the review, documentation and images are collected to objectively verify performance goals have been achieved. Facilities also receive a walk-through inspection.
Once all reviews are complete, only businesses that demonstrate the highest level of excellence are selected for the EISA honor.

In conjunction with the award, Charlie’s Produce will receive its retrospective rating refund check a month earlier than expected, along with a cash prize, a gold seal of excellence for their website and recognition on the WFIA website.

**About the Washington Food Industry Association**

The Washington Food Industry Association (WFIA) is dedicated to promoting and protecting the independent, community-focused grocery and convenience store industry and its suppliers. Founded in 1899, the WFIA represents the state’s independent grocers and convenience stores. Membership includes all levels of the food and beverage distribution industry who collaborate to promote the principles of free enterprise to ensure a vigorous, competitive, economically healthy food industry. The grocery and convenience store industry provides about 50,000 Washington jobs. For more information, visit www.wa-food-ind.org.

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