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Safety Training For America's Army

(NAPSA)—Saving some 13,000 workers from injury (OSHA, 2000) and saving taxpayers about \$500 million dollars a year (FECA, 2000) is the aim of a new program designed to increase safety among civilian employees of the military.

The U.S. Congress recently set up the Defense Employee Work Safety Demonstration Program to reduce injury rates at Army installations and other Department of Defense sites around the country.

The program is intended to work in three phases:

1. Assessment. Identification of appropriate best practices for the targeted installations.

2. Training and metrics implementation of best practices, including training, data collecting and observation audits.

3. Review evaluation of program results, which will be presented in Congress.

“What’s different about this initiative is that it’s aimed at fostering a culture of safety with the civilian support structure,” explained project manager Paul Reed of DuPont Safety Resources (DSR), private sector contractors for the Army program.

“Our collective goal is to establish an operational culture where



A new program may mean more safety and more money for America's military and its workers.

safety becomes a part of how we do business, becomes integrated into everything we do,” added Kathleen Crawford, Safety Division Chief at Fort Bragg.

DuPont has been bringing its workplace safety experience to both public sector organizations and other private companies for 30 years. Corporate clients report improvement of a better than 50 percent reduction in workplace injuries and related costs.

“Our commitment to workplace safety dates from the early years of the company,” Reed went on to say, “Our first set of workplace safety rules was put in place as far back as 1811. After all, how do you make black powder? Very carefully!”