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**DEW Construction applauded for  
Workplace Safety and Health efforts**

*Vermont Construction company to receive Vermont SHARP Recognition  
Award Ceremony to be held April 10, 2009 at 2:30 pm at Jay Peak Ski Area.*

Montpelier, VT –The Vermont Department of Labor's Project WorkSAFE Program is pleased to announce that DEW Construction of Williston, Vermont has met and successfully completed the requirements of the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) for the Jay Peak Ski Area Hotel Expansion Project.

DEW Construction and Project WorkSAFE, Vermont's Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Program, began working on the certification process more than four months ago.

"We applaud the employees and management of DEW in this accomplishment," said Scott Meyer, Manager of Project WorkSAFE. "To be conducting this type of work while maintaining a safe workplace speaks very well to the caliber and commitment of staff at DEW and all its sub contractors' on this site. They have a lot to be proud of and we hope that other Vermont employers will follow in their lead."

Employees of DEW and their sub-contractors on this project are the main focal point of the recognition which will be attended by Governor James Douglas, Labor Department Commissioner Patricia Moulton Powden, representatives from DEW Construction, the Jay Peak Ski Area, and Parker Riehle President of the Vermont Ski Area Association.

The SHARP program is a nationally recognized program implemented by several states under Federal OSHA. The SHARP program recognizes small, high-hazard businesses which have exemplary safety and health programs. Upon receiving SHARP certification, the workplace will be exempt from programmed inspections during the period that the SHARP certification is valid.

DEW will be Vermont's fifth company to receive this award. Other SHARP-designated companies in Vermont include Ryegate Associates, a wood-fired electric generating facility, Green Mountain Power, Vermont Electric Power Company, and STO Corporation in Rutland. Currently, there are 1000 firms in the United States and 70 in New England with the SHARP certification.

The award will be presented at the Jay Peak Ski Area expansion project at 2:30 p.m, April 10, 2009.

For further information about the SHARP program or Project WorkSAFE, please visit the Vermont Department of Labor's website: [www.labor.vermont.gov](http://www.labor.vermont.gov)

