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## **U.S. Department of Labor's MSHA Seeks to Hire Mine Inspectors in Illinois and Indiana Applicant Screenings to be Held Dec. 4 at Rend Lake College**

**INA, Ill.** —The U.S. Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is continuing its efforts to hire new mine inspectors in Illinois and Indiana by conducting on-site applicant screenings Dec. 4, 2006 at Rend Lake College, 468 North Ken Gray Parkway, Ina, Ill. Registration for all candidates begins at 7 a.m.

"MSHA is interested in hiring professionals who are willing to help our agency keep U.S. mines safe by preventing accidental injuries and fatalities," said Richard E. Stickler, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "We're looking for qualified people who will continue to make safety the number one priority for the mining industry."

MSHA is the federal agency charged with inspection of mining operations nationwide for adherence to regulations designed to protect the safety and health of working miners. The agency is recruiting coal mine inspectors for surface, underground and electrical positions in Benton and Hillsboro, Ill. and Vincennes, Ind.

Those who are unable to pre-register for the screenings may be tested and screened as "walk-in" candidates, subject to space availability. All persons attending the screening should bring a completed resume and photo identification. Check the MSHA Web site at [www.msha.gov](http://www.msha.gov) to confirm the status of the screenings before traveling to the site.

Applicants will be notified of test results and selected candidates will participate in a two-year formal training program. Applicants must be able to efficiently perform arduous duties. Selected applicants at the GS-9 level will receive a starting salary of about \$43,000 annually. For additional information, please visit the Inspector Career Trainee Program Web site at [www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp](http://www.msha.gov/Inspectors/InspectorsInternProgram.asp).

Applicant screenings are scheduled as follows:

**Ina, Ill. — December 4 at 7 a.m.—Rend Lake College, 468 North Ken Gray Parkway, 62846**

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