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Section I

TPG Summary:

The purpose of this training program is to strengthen the academic and professional preparation of our undergraduate and graduate-level students in occupational safety and health. This will be accomplished by providing learning situations/activities designed to help the students become more effective entry-level and advanced professionals. The primary focus is as follows.

- A. Increased involvement of the internship supervisor in visiting intern sites to observe and improve employer-intern-university relationships.
- B. Development of an Occupational Safety and Health Study Abroad program that introduces our students to international issues in occupational safety and health and how culture affects these issues.
- C. On-going development and improvement of the online Master of Science degree program in occupational safety and health.
- D. On-going faculty professional development to keep abreast of changes in the occupational safety and health field.
- E. Development of seminars and Occupational Safety and Health Training Center courses designed to address current occupational safety and health issues.
- F. Support for graduate students in the form of travel and tuition and fees.

Relevance:

The Department of Occupational Safety and Health at Murray State University continues to supply diversified education and training for occupational safety and health professionals to meet the local, regional, and national demand. The various curricula, programs, and training within the department are designed to meet the professional preparation of students as well as the manpower, continuing education, training, and advisory needs of the region and state.

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Program Highlights:

The Department of Occupational Safety and Health at Murray State University has both its B.S. and M.S. degree programs, including an online M.S. degree emphasis in Safety Management, in Occupational Safety and Health accredited by the Applied Science Accreditation Commission of ABET (ASAC/ABET).

The Department of Occupational Safety and Health at Murray State University placed 165 interns in paid internships during the 2014-2015 academic year.

The Murray State University, Department of Occupational Safety and Health's fall 2014 enrollment numbers included 409 undergraduates and 64 graduates, for a total enrollment of 473. For the 2014-2015 academic year (Aug./Dec./May), the department graduated 57 undergraduates and 30 graduates, for a total of 87 conferred degrees.

The Murray State University, Department of Occupational Safety and Health offered a Study Abroad course to Argentina. For the Study Abroad Program, students compared Safety and Health Regulations of Argentina to those in America. In addition, the students identified the prominent injuries/illnesses within specific industries and compared their results to similar industries in America. The students were able to meet with government officials in Argentina and discuss law making processes and advocacy programs. In order to compare this process to U.S. safety operations, the students visited Brown-Forman facilities in Louisville and Versailles, KY.