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**New Safety Certification Program Available for
Small Tourism & Hospitality Employers in BC**

Vancouver, BC – BC tourism and hospitality employers with fewer than 20 employees can now participate in the Certificate of Recognition Program (COR) that is specifically designed for them. go2HR – BC's tourism human resource association – launched the Small Employer COR (SECOR) Program at its Occupational Health and Safety Breakfast event yesterday.

The COR Program is an occupational health and safety audit, certification and incentive program, rewarding employers that go beyond the legal requirements by taking the "best practice" approach to health and safety in the workplace. go2HR is the certifying partner that is responsible for coordinating the program and supporting participating employers in the BC tourism and hospitality industry. Participation in the COR program is voluntary and offers many benefits for employers.

SECOR offers similar benefits that large businesses enjoy, but with a slightly different process and audit tool that takes into account the size of the operation in order to increase small employers' success. Employers who successfully achieve the SECOR certification are eligible for an annual financial incentive of 10% of their base WorkSafeBC premiums, with the minimum eligible incentive being the lesser of \$500 or 50% of their actual premiums paid. Most importantly, through SECOR small employers will develop a safety management program that keeps their employees safe, helps with recruitment and retention, and minimizes the potential costs of workplace accidents and injuries.

Interested employers can learn more about SECOR and how to participate at go2hr.ca/SECOR.

About go2HR

go2HR is BC's tourism human resource association, responsible for coordinating the BC Tourism Labour Market Strategy and providing programs and resources in the area of recruitment, retention and training. Working in partnership with WorkSafeBC, go2HR is also the health and safety resource for BC's tourism and hospitality industry, and the certifying partner for the Certificate of Recognition (COR) Program. For more information, visit www.go2hr.ca.

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