



**Board of Certified
Safety Professionals**



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PRESS RELEASE

Effective December 31, 2008, the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) purchased the American Board of Industrial Hygiene (ABIH) interest in the Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists (CCHEST). There are no changes in the purpose or mission of CCHEST. The programs and certifications offered by CCHEST will continue with CCHEST being an operating division of BCSP.

Since its inception in 1985, CCHEST operated as a joint venture of ABIH and BCSP. Initially, the only certification was the Occupational Health and Safety Technologist (OHST). In 1993, the Construction Health and Safety Technologist (CHST) and Safety Trained Supervisor (STS) certifications were developed and added at the request of the construction industry. In 2007 after validating the OHST practice was applicable to loss control within the insurance industry, CCHEST added the title choice of: Certified Loss Control Specialist (CLCS).

Scott Merkle, ABIH Chair, noted: "The growth of CCHEST over the years demonstrates the positive value of collaboration between certifying organizations. ABIH looks forward to opportunities in the future to work collaboratively with BCSP for the benefit of the occupational health and safety professions."

Paul Adams, BCSP Past President, stated: "CCHEST has become the leading certification organization for health, environmental and safety technologists, technicians, supervisors and workers, and is a testament to what two great health and safety organizations can accomplish when they work together. BCSP looks forward to working collaboratively with ABIH on future projects of mutual interest. Ultimately, we hope that many CCHEST certificants will continue their professional development and achieve the CSP and/or CIH credentials."

For additional information, please visit the following web sources:

- Information about ABIH and the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is available at:
www.abih.org.
- Information about BCSP and the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) is available at:
www.bcsp.org.
- Information about CCHEST and its certifications is available at:
www.cchest.org.

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The Board of Certified Safety Professionals (www.bcsp.org) is recognized as a certifying organization that certifies the Certified Safety Professional (CSP). The American Board of Industrial Hygiene (www.abih.org) is a certifying organization for Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIH). The Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists (www.CCHEST.org) operates certification programs for safety and health practitioners at the technologist/technician and supervisor levels.