

ELWOOD STAFFING RELEASES WAGE AND BENEFIT SURVEY RESULTS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 18, 2013 (Columbus, Ind.)—Elwood Staffing has released the findings of its fourth annual *Dollars and Sense* wage and benefit survey. Initially released in January to participants and business partners, the results are now--for the first time ever--available to the public. Targeting manufacturing and distribution clients and partners in the Midwest and southeastern United States, Elwood compiled and analyzed wage and benefit data from hundreds of companies of all sizes. The survey centers on starting wages of the more common entry-level positions in these industries.

"We have a unique offering," shares Nick Seger, Vice President of Operations. "Unlike most surveys, which tend to focus on average wages, we specifically look at starting wages, and then take it one step further by determining at which point and under what circumstances, raises are awarded. This enables us to provide companies within the manufacturing and distribution industries with relevant and useful compensation benchmark data."

One of the interesting trends revealed by the survey's results is that wages paid for positions requiring technical skills saw greater increases than all other positions, which could provide a competitive advantage when it comes to

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attracting and retaining talent. "This is especially relevant today, as we are seeing an increasing number of employers facing talent shortages and a loss of top performers emboldened by a strengthening economy," adds Seger.

A&A^•• to alcopy of the report is available on the homepage of the company's website, www.elwoodstaffing.com.

About:

Based in Columbus, Indiana, Elwood Staffing is a leading provider of talent-based solutions. Together with SOS Employment Group, its wholly-owned subsidiary, Elwood operates over 220 service locations throughout the United States and parts of Canada. With a broad service portfolio and a seasoned staff, we support companies through the entire employment life cycle—from attraction to outplacement.

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