

18th Annual
National
**Workers' Compensation
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Conference®
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Annual Conference Provides Strategies to Manage Recessional Wave of Workers' Comp Claims

*18th Annual National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo, November 18 – 20 at McCormick Place, Chicago, will prepare attendees to manage predicted wave of claims;
Pre-Early Bird Offer: Register by August 31, 2009, and save \$150.00!*

Horsham, Pa. — August 14, 2009 — In the midst of a recession, companies on the edge, or in the wake, of layoffs need to be ready to manage the likely spike in workers' compensation claims. One conference is geared toward helping workers' comp professionals manage this and the many other challenges a recession brings. Produced by *Risk & Insurance*® magazine and LRP Conferences, the **National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo** will return to Chicago's McCormick Place November 18 – 20, 2009. Attendees who register by August 31 can save \$150.00 off the registration rate, and teams of three or more qualify for even bigger savings – a welcome relief in today's tough economy.

Now in its 18th year, it remains the nation's leading event where hundreds of workers' compensation professionals journey to expand their knowledge and gain new solutions directly related to workers' comp, disability and return-to-work programs — and the 2009 event will be no exception. Industry professionals, from HR managers to disability claims managers, will find answers to many of their specific challenges across the conference's five distinct session tracks: Better Claims Management, Integrated Disability Management/Wellness, Solving Legal/Regulatory Issues, Medical/Behavioral Solutions, and Winning Return to Work/Safety Strategies. The complete program agenda is available on the Web at www.WCConference.com.

Past attendees of the conference are looking forward to returning and learning more this year. John L. Decker, Business Manager at ArcelorMittal Health Services in East Chicago, Indiana, said, "No matter which state you're from, this conference is a great way to get up-to-date on worker's comp issues and gain new ideas."

The full conference officially kicks off on Wednesday, November 18, with an opening keynote, **Making Sense of Now and Forecasting the Future: The Economy's Impact on Workers' Compensation**. Dr. Robert P. Hartwig, President of the Insurance Information Institute, will analyze the impact of the economic crisis on the workers' compensation arena followed by a detailed economic outlook for the year ahead.

Across the five topic areas, sessions are organized by type and level to accommodate a range of learning styles and experience. These 35 breakout sessions will delve deep into each topic area and highlight strategies to weather the current economy in presentations such as: **Overcoming Claims Challenges During Economic Turmoil, Solutions to Your Recession-related IDM Challenges, Strategies to Address Medical Challenges in an Ailing Economy, and Combating Recession-Induced Setbacks to Your RTW Program.**

Attendees also have the opportunity to arrive a day early and maximize their conference experience by attending **Workers' Comp Boot Camp**, an in-depth pre-conference symposium.

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In addition to the conference, the **Expo Hall**, open Nov. 18 – 19, will house more than 250 vendors ready to display and answer questions about their products and services relevant to the workers' comp and disability management industries. The Expo provides an additional venue for attendees to gather knowledge and research as well as numerous opportunities to network with peers.

"Networking at the Expo is always an added bonus to the great conference sessions," said Mike Johns, Director of Product Development at Jewelers Mutual Insurance in Neenah, Wisconsin.

For exhibitor and sponsorship information, visit www.WCConference.com or contact Fred Kurst, Trade Show Manager, at (703) 393-8304.

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About the National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo

The **National Workers' Compensation and Disability Conference® & Expo** is produced by *Risk & Insurance®* magazine and LRP Conferences. It is the nation's largest conference and trade show on workers' compensation law and program administration, drawing: attorneys, case managers, CEOs, health and safety professionals, insurance executives, human resources professionals, legislators, occupational health nurses, operations personnel, researchers, risk managers, risk analysts, RNs, workers' compensation and disability claims managers and analysts, and workers' compensation professionals. The 2009 conference will be held November 18 – 20, 2009, at McCormick Place, Chicago, Ill.

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