

Does the Marshall Center have Star quality?

from Marshall's Safety Office

OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) offers two qualification levels, Merit and Star, as described below. Each applicant's Safety and Health Program is evaluated to determine whether it qualifies for one of these levels, or is not sufficiently developed to participate in VPP. Will the Marshall team have enough Star quality to play a leading role in worker protection?

Merit

- For employers who demonstrate the potential and willingness to achieve Star requirements.
- For worksites that don't quite meet eligibility requirements for the Star Program.
- OSHA provides a planned set of "stepping stones" to Star certification.

Star

- OSHA's most highly selective program.
- For comprehensive safety and health programs that effectively reduce workplace hazards.
- For worksites where Safety, Health and Environmental

programs are an integral part of daily operations.

- For programs that comply with all mandatory requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and OSHA standards.
- For employers on the leading edge of hazard prevention methods and technology.
- For organizations that show continuous improvement in their safety and health programs.

Shooting for the Star

- Marshall management is dedicated to worker protection.
- Marshall's Safety, Health and Environmental Program has been continually improving over the past two years.
- Current improvement efforts are focused on identification and control of job hazards, state-of-the-art training, and assurance of full OSHA compliance.
- Must develop innovative processes and creative strategies for implementation, providing each worker with maximum protection with minimum impact on missions and projects.
- Just as we excel in science, research, and development, we belong on the leading edge of worker protection.
- Pooling resources, sharing expertise, and teamwork will propel our Marshall community to the Stars.