

## **CMTA and CompWest Move Forward with Workers' Compensation Partnership**

**Sacramento, CA, July 1, 2010** - The California Manufacturers and Technology Association (CMTA) and CompWest Insurance Company have formed a partnership to provide a group workers' compensation program for California's manufacturing sector. The program will be effective July 1, 2010 and will include over 120 classes of manufacturers.

CMTA has maintained a group workers' compensation insurance program since 2004; assisting its members to develop safe workplaces and lower their workers' compensation costs. Additionally, CMTA continues to work diligently to protect the workers' compensation reforms passed into law in 2003.

In 2009 CMTA completed a thorough evaluation of the needs and performance of its workers' compensation group. After examining the incumbent and prospective partners, CMTA selected CompWest as the insurance company partner to take the program into the future. CompWest's capabilities and commitment to California's manufacturers was carefully evaluated prior to being selected by CMTA. According to Martha Pearson, president of the CMTA Service Corporation, "CompWest has consistently provided competitive rates and outstanding policyholder service to its customers, and we are confident in the value this new workers' compensation partnership offers to our program participants and to prospective CMTA members."

CompWest is one of California's most innovative underwriters of workers' compensation insurance. Its industry-leading claims management model, called Workers' Compensation with Care®, coupled with outstanding loss prevention services and ability-based return to work programs has produced lower insurance costs and competitive rates for policyholders across the state. CompWest expects the CMTA Group Workers' Compensation program to be extremely successful, even in these challenging economic times. "We are excited to join with CMTA in creating a competitive advantage opportunity for California's manufacturers through our unique solution to reducing the cost drivers in workers' compensation today, commented Bill Mudge, Compwest's president and CEO.

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