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## **Work Comp Average Cost Reduced by 50%**

(July 20, 2006 Baton Rouge, LA) “Total back injury costs went from \$898,691.00 to \$148,793.00 in one year—a reduction of 84%, while average cost per back injury was cut in half.” R&H Well Service

“...we experienced a 79% reduction in recordable injuries in our first year. Our present OSHA recordable incident rate remains below 1.0 while the national average for construction is 9.0...” National Heavy Construction company

“Pre-employment testing to prevent on the job injuries, has hundreds of testimonials such as these” reports Helen Balzli PT, owner of Central Rehab Clinic Physical Therapy in the new City of Central, LA

“I have been working with pre-employment testing for Baton Rouge companies for over 15 years and have seen businesses with whom I work experience similar costs savings. The cost savings are significant for the employee as well as the employer, so both sides win when a potential employee is matched to the physical demands of the job” says Balzli.

She goes on to say “In April 2006, OSHA identified the workplaces around the nation and in Louisiana with the highest Days Away from work, Restricted, or Transferred (DART) rates. They sent them a letter to alert them to the fact that ‘Your establishment was one of those identified as having a DART rate higher than most other businesses in this country’, and to offer ways that to obtain assistance in addressing safety and health hazards in their workplace.

For every 100 full-time workers, the employers had 6.0 or more injuries or illnesses which resulted in days away from work, restricted work or job transfer. The national average is 2.5.

If many these companies would adopt policy to include screening of their employees, their DART rate, costs and productivity could be significantly improved”

For more information on how Central Rehab Clinic Physical Therapy is an important part of Louisiana’s workers compensation cost control or to set up an interview, call Helen Balzli at Central Rehab Clinic 225-261-7094. Information can also be found at [www.WorkSteps.com](http://www.WorkSteps.com)