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Dear NOIA Member:

Since its inception in 1978, the National Ocean Industries Association's **Safety in Seas Award** recognizes excellence among those who, by their actions, design or influence, have contributed to improving the safety of life in the offshore energy industry. We are writing to encourage all NOIA members to submit an award nomination and participate in honoring our industry's commitment to offshore safety.

For consideration in the award selection process, award **nomination forms must be submitted to NOIA by Friday, March 15, 2013**. The nomination form is enclosed. An independent selection committee, including representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Academy of Sciences, and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement will review all nominations and select the nominee that has made the most important contribution to the safety of life offshore.

Presentation of the **2013 NOIA Safety in Seas Award** will be made during the Association's annual meeting April 17-19, 2013 by Mr. Amos Bussmann, President and Publisher of award sponsors, Compass Publications and *Sea Technology Magazine*. Should you have questions or require additional information about the **NOIA Safety in Seas Award**, please contact Nicolette Nye of the NOIA staff at (202) 465-8463 or [nicolette@noia.org](mailto:nicolette@noia.org).

We look forward to your participation in the **2013 Safety in Seas Award** process and invite you to join the National Ocean Industries Association as it recognizes the offshore energy industry's outstanding safety achievements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Chiles". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Bill Chiles  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Bristow, Inc.  
Chairman, NOIA

Enclosure: **2013 NOIA Safety in Seas Award** nomination form