

**FINAL REPORT OF THE
COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING PARTNERSHIP**

**Transcripts of IBP Worker Interviews on
Occupational Safety and Health Problems,
Light Duty Experiences, and Food Safety**

Corporate Research on Tyson/IBP

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