



## Director of NIOSH USA visits TestSafe

*Ravi Johnpulle, Business Manager, TestSafe Australia & Robbie Geyer, Manager, Thornleigh Laboratory*



Dr. John Howard, National Director of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health visited TestSafe's Thornleigh and Londonderry facilities on 9 December. He expressed admiration at the testing facilities available and the breadth of activities.

The National Institute is a US Federal Agency based in Washington DC responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injury and illness. NIOSH is part of the Centers for Disease control and Prevention in the United States Department of Health and Human Services. It has a professionally diverse staff of 1400 representing a wide range of disciplines including epidemiology, medicine, industrial hygiene, safety, psychology, engineering, chemistry, and statistics. Many of the analytical methods used at the Thornleigh Laboratory are resourced from NIOSH. They were established by the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970, which also established OSHA (the Occupational Health and Safety Administration). Both organisations although separate, work closely together.



*Greg O'Donnell giving John Howard a tour of the Thornleigh Laboratory*

*Gayla McCluskey, president of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, said the association was "very pleased that the Bush administration has moved forward with the filling of this vital position after we sent President (Bush) a letter dated May 17 in which we asked him to please move forward with this appointment"*

Prior to his national appointment as Director by the Bush Government, he was Chief of 1100-strong Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH) in California's Department of Industrial Relations, since 1991.

NIOSH as one of its objectives is committed to enhancing global workplace safety and health through international collaborations.