

**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE  
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HARRISBURG AREA OFFICE AND  
THE KEYSTONE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and The Keystone Contractors Association (KCA) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. OSHA and KCA hereby form an Alliance to provide KCA members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect employees' health and safety, particularly in reducing and preventing exposure to unidentified construction related hazards by addressing safety program and training issues. In developing this Alliance, OSHA and The Keystone Contractors Association recognize that OSHA's State Plan and Consultation Project partners are also an integral part of the OSHA national effort.

OSHA and KCA will work together to achieve the following training and education goals: a.. Work with OSHA to provide expertise to develop training and education programs to meet the needs of the diverse workforce regarding appropriate language, media, and delivery methods. Also to provide expertise in communicating such information to employers and employees in the construction industry.

b.. Deliver or arrange for the delivery of supervisory and employee hazard identification courses.

c.. Work with OSHA to provide expertise to develop workplace safety and health curricula on hazard identification and inspection routines. OSHA and KCA will work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals: a.. Work with OSHA to provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to provide expertise in developing ways of communicating such information (e.g. print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools and OSHA's and the KCA's Web sites) to employers and employees in the industry.

b.. Speak, exhibit, or appear at OSHA's or KCA conferences, local meetings, or construction symposiums and other events.

c.. Share information among OSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding KCA best practices or effective approaches and publicize results through outreach by KCA and through OSHA- or KCA- developed materials, training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum).

d.. Promote and encourage KCA members' or worksites' participation in OSHA's cooperative programs such as compliance assistance, the Voluntary Protection Program, Consultation, and the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program.

e.. Work with other Alliance participants on specific issues and projects on common or unique construction safety issues and that are addressed and/or developed through the Alliance Program.

f.. Encourage KCA worksites to build relationships with OSHA's Regional and Area Offices to address health and safety issues, including hazard identification. OSHA and KCA will work together to achieve the following goals related to promoting the national dialogue on workplace safety and health: a.. Raise others' awareness of and demonstrate their own commitment to workplace safety and health whenever KCA leaders address groups.

b.. Develop and disseminate case studies illustrating the business value of safety and health and publicize their results.

c.. Convene or participate in forums, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings on related hazard identification and correction issues to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues. OSHA's Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with OSHA for purposes such as training and education, outreach and communication and promoting a national dialogue on workplace safety and health. These Alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering into an Alliance with a party, OSHA is not endorsing any of that party's products or services; nor does the Agency enter into an Alliance with the purpose of promoting a particular party's products or services.

The Harrisburg Area Office will serve as the focal point for coordination of services and events which may take place outside the Harrisburg Area Office's geographical jurisdiction.

An implementation team made up of representatives of both organizations will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. Team members may include representatives from OSHA's Pennsylvania Area Offices of Erie, Pittsburgh and Wilkes-Barre. In addition, representatives will meet at least three times a year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years. Any signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of all signatories.

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