

AGREEMENT RENEWING AN ALLIANCE

BETWEEN

**THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
PUERTO RICO AREA OFFICE**

AND THE

**SOCIEDAD DE PROFESIONALES DE PREVENCIÓN
DE ACCIDENTES DE PUERTO RICO**

(PUERTO RICO ACCIDENTS PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS SOCIETY)

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Sociedad de Profesionales de Prevención de Accidentes de Puerto Rico (SPPAPR), recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. OSHA and the SPPAPR therefore agree to renew the Alliance, signed on June 24, 2004 and first renewed on August 25, 2006, to provide the SPPAPR 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 safety and health hazards, such as those related to falls, confined spaces, indoor air quality, noise exposure, workplace violence and ergonomics and assist members and non-members implement effective accident prevention management systems. In developing this Alliance, OSHA and the SPPAPR recognize that OSHA's State Plan and Consultation Project partners are an integral part of the OSHA national effort.

OSHA and the SPPAPR will work together to achieve the following training and educational goals:

- Work with OSHA to provide expertise to develop training and education programs for the SPPAPR members and other safety and health professionals, regarding falls, confined spaces, indoor air quality, noise exposure, workplace violence, ergonomics, and/or others related safety and health issues, and to provide expertise in communicating such information to employers and employees in the industry.
- Deliver or arrange for the delivery of training and education courses focused on identification, control and management of job related **hazards encountered in the construction and general industries.**

OSHA and the SPPAPR will work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- 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 tools and OSHA's and the SPPAPR Web sites; radio programs), to employers and employees in the industry.
- Speak, exhibit, or appear at the SPPAPR conferences, courses, and workshops or other educational events.
- Promote and encourage the SPPAPR members' or worksites' participation in OSHA's cooperative programs such as compliance assistance, the Voluntary Protection Program, Consultation, and its Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program.
- Encourage the SPPAPR members to build relationships with OSHA's Regional and Area Offices to address health and safety issues, including the professional practice of occupational safety and health in Puerto Rico.

OSHA and the SPPAPR will work together to achieve the following goals related to promoting the national dialogue on workplace safety and health:

- Raise others' awareness of and demonstrate their own commitment to workplace safety and health whenever the SPPAPR leaders address groups.
- Convene or participate, as often as possible, in forums, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings on hazards related to falls, confined spaces, indoor air quality, noise exposure, workplace violence, ergonomics, accident management systems, and/or others, to help forge positive attitudes toward safety health issues, and bring innovative solutions in the workplace.

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 partners. 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.

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. In addition, they will meet at least three times per 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. Either 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 both signatories.



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