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**Tampa Area Office Annual Status Report
Central Florida Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers
(CF-ASSE) Alliance**

December 31, 2013

I. *Alliance Background*

Date Signed:

November 4, 2009

Renewal Signed:

May 2, 2012

Alliance Overview:

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the Central Florida Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (CF-ASSE) agreed to establish an Alliance to reduce and prevent employee exposure to ergonomic hazards.

Implementation Team Members:

The implementation team consists of representatives from the OSHA Area Office in Tampa, FL, and the Central Florida Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, Inc. (CF-ASSE).

Evaluation Period

January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013

II. **Implementation Team Meetings**

The group conducted Alliance implementation team meetings, in person and by telephone, on the following dates: January 28, 2013; April 24, 2013; August 16, 2013; and November 21, 2013.

III. *Events and Products*

Training and Education

Events

- During this period, the Alliance group conducted 11 meetings, which were open to both members and non-members. Safety and health topics addressed during these meetings included the following:
 - Behavioral Based Safety
 - Safety Ethics
 - Indoor Air Quality
 - Inspections and Employee Involvement
 - Nesting Alligator Safety
 - Annual OSHA Update
 - Workplace Injuries and Exposures

- On November 4, 2013, the Alliance group members were taken on a tour of the University of Central Florida's (UCF) College of Medicine in Orlando. The tour focused on technology and safety, including the school's state-of-the-art facilities to promote health, fitness and ergonomics. Approximately 28 members and non-members attended this event.

- September 19 through 20, 2013, the CF-ASSE Alliance group offered a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) preparation course for members and non members.

Products

- The CF-ASSE Alliance group distributes a newsletter throughout Florida, which promotes free safety and health trainings offered by other OSHA Alliances through the State.

Outreach and Communication

Events

- On March 13, 2013, the CF-ASSE co-sponsored the Central Florida Safety Day Conference. The event focused on the following topics:
 - GHS and The New Hazard Communication Standard
 - Protecting Employee Health
 - Safety Dos and Don'ts of Creatures Around Us!
 - What You Need To Know About Arc Flash and 70E
 - Understanding the Workplace Impact of Non-Work Related Illnesses and Conditions

- Staying Alive: A Conversation with Keven Yarbrough, Assistant Area Director of the US Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration.
- On September 9, 2013, the CF-ASSE Alliance group received an OSHA Update presentation from the OSHA Tampa Area Office Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS), which addressed the possible changes to OSHA standards, inspection statistics, fatality statistics and a brief overview of the proposed silica standard. The program was attended by approximately 50 members and non-members.
- The CF – ASSE Alliance group actively supports OSHA’s fall and heat illness prevention campaigns.
- During this period, the CF-ASSE Alliance was promoted by the Alliance group at the following events:
 - On February 19, 2013, at the Florida Industry and Mining Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Conference held in Orlando, FL.
 - On March 13, 2013, at the Alliance for Central Florida Safety (ACFS)/ American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Safety Day in Orlando, FL.
 - On April 17, 2013, at the Central Florida Federal Field Safety and Health Council held at Kennedy Space Center, FL.
 - On April 23 at 2013, at the Tampa Area Safety Council OSHA Update held in Tampa, FL.
 - On May 16, 2013, at the annual meeting of the Construction Licensees Official Association of Florida held in Lake Mary, FL.
 - On July 17, 2013, at the annual conference of the Florida Association of Ambulatory Surgical Centers held in Orlando, FL.
 - On August 1, 2013, at the annual conference of the Florida Energy Pipeline Association held in Sarasota, FL.
 - On September 19, 2013, at the annual conference of the Physician’s Office Managers Association of America held in Orlando, FL.

Products

- None.

IV. Results

- Refer to the information listed above.

V. Upcoming Milestones 2014

- Renew the Alliance and continue to promote occupational safety and health in the Central Florida Area.
- Continue to educate employers on method to prevent ergonomic-related injuries and illnesses. However, the implementation team wants to discuss the possibility of changing the focus of the Alliance to a new emphasis. The decision will be made prior to the 2014 Alliance renewal.
- The Alliance group will continue to promote the development and implementation of effective safety and health management systems, especially in the Central Florida small business community.
- CF-ASSE will continue to promote upcoming OSHA-related activities, as well as other safety and health events on its website.

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