

ANNUAL ALLIANCE CLOSE OUT REPORT
U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Houston North Area Office
Houston South Area Office
And
Associated General Contractors Association, Houston Chapter
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I. Alliance Background

A. Date Signed:

May 13, 2013

End Date: May 13, 2015

B. Evaluation Period

May 13, 2014 through May 13, 2015

C. Overview

Alliance #210 with the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Houston Chapter and the Houston North and Houston South Area Offices was directed towards reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities in the construction industry through Focus Four awareness training in English and Spanish.

D. Implementation team Members:

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II. Implementation Team Meetings:

The Alliance coordination and planning is conducted through phone, email, and during monthly AGC Safety Committee meetings as required.

III. Events and Products

Training and Education

- Seminars
 - AGC volunteers and OSHA offer a quarterly four hour workshop on Focus Four hazards in English and Spanish with a minimum of ten persons required for the workshop. During the evaluation period no workshops were held due to lack of attendance.

- Products
 - None

Outreach and Communication

- Events
 - None

- Products
 - None

Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

- Events
 - No National dialogue at this time

- Products
 - No products developed at this time

IV. Results

The Focus Four workshop has been going on for nearly ten years under previous alliances resulted over 1,500 employees trained on Focus Four hazards and provided awareness training on job site hazards for small employers. The first Alliance provided an eight hour introduction to OSHA standards in Spanish and after several years in order to revitalize and boost attendance a new Alliance was signed which addressed the Focus Four hazards and provided a four hour workshop each quarter in Spanish and English. For a number of years attendance was good with 150-200 attendees each year. In the past two years or so, attendance gradually dwindled. The Focus Four is now a fairly common training topic within the construction industry and is also part of the OSHA 10-Hour and 30-Hour program curriculum and the need for the quarterly workshops has diminished. After nearly ten years an estimated 1,500 workers having gone through the Alliance related workshops and the workshops have increased the

safety awareness of the construction work force. Overall the Alliance has been a great success.

V. Upcoming Milestones

The Alliance has concluded and there is no intent to revisit Focus Four workshops. In the future, consideration may be given to another subject area