

ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT

**U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Baton Rouge Area Office
And
American Builders and Contractors, Inc., New Orleans/Bayou Chapter**

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I. **Alliance Background**

Date Signed

May 09, 2012

Evaluation Period

May 09, 2012 – May 09, 2013

Overview

The OSHA and ABC, New Orleans/Bayou Chapter Alliance, *was established to create a collaborative relationship* to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. The goals of the Alliance are to provide ABC, New Orleans/Bayou Chapter, members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help protect the health and safety of workers, particularly by reducing and preventing exposure to struck-by, falls, caught-in-between and electrical hazards, addressing construction and industrial contractor issues, and understanding the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act). In developing the Alliance goals, OSHA and ABC, New Orleans/Bayou Chapter, recognizes that OSHA's State Plan and On-site Consultation Project partners are an integral part of the OSHA national effort.

Implementation Team Members

OSHA:

Dorinda Folse, OSHA, Baton Rouge Area Office, Area Director

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ABC:

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II. Implementation Team Meetings

- September 27, 2012 Implementation Team Meeting
- October 25, 2012 Implementation Team Meeting
- November 29, 2012 Implementation Team Meeting
- January 31, 2013 Implementation Team Meeting
- February 28, 2013 Implementation Team Meeting
- March 28, 2013 Implementation Team Meeting
- April 25, 2013 Implementation Team Meeting

In addition to these formal meetings, the Alliance members maintained regular contact throughout the reporting period to monitor the Alliance's progress, current events, and results to address industry needs.

III. Results

A. Events and Products

Training and Education

- Provide Safety Education - OSHA 10 hour and 30 hour classes to construction workers, supervisors and other personnel responsible for construction activities.
- A presentation was provided by Compliance Assistance Specialist that addressed "Frequent and Regular Inspection" to help in reducing and preventing exposure to struck-by, falls, caught-in-between and electrical hazards, addressing construction and industrial contractor issues, and understanding the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act).

Product

- Bayou Industrial Alliance (BIA), an effective Fleet Management Strategies that outlined the major components of an effective fleet management program ,is an Alliance Partners between; Associated Builders & Contractors New Orleans/Bayou Chapter, Gulf Coast Safety Council and Greater New Orleans Business that addressed management responsibility for developing, implementing, & maintaining the program.
- Annual Chapter Committee Leadership Pamphlet included the following; Apprenticeship & Craft Training, Membership, Government Relations, Programs & Communications and Safety & Management Education.

B. *Outreach and Communication*

- *OSHA publications and information were provided at each committee meeting for distribution to workers by Alliance members.*
- *A Hurricane Outreach was provided to local business yearly by members to address hazards after a hurricane.*
- *A Safety and Health evaluation of the training was conducted during at the end of the evaluation period.*

- *Outreach assistance was provided to chapter member companies participating in the National ABC STEP Award Process.*

Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

- *Convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on industries safety to discuss safety and health issues and to help address needs in the workplace.*
- *The ABC Bayou Safety Committee annually recognizes Workers' Memorial Day and communicates related information to regional industry personnel.*

IV. Results

The ABC, Bayou Chapter Members, continue to have access to a greater amount of outreach information and publications and are made aware of the continued efforts of OSHA to reach at-risk industries by sharing current events, safety alerts, and best practices.

| Type of Activity | Number of Individuals Reached or Trained | Topic(s) |
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| <i>May 2012 Meeting</i> | <i>18</i> | <i>OSHA update provided by Dorinda Folse: Area Director Occupational Safety & Health Administration</i> |
| <i>June 6, 2012</i> | <i>13</i> | <i>Global Harmonize System Hazard Communication Training Requirement Discuss.</i> |
| <i>June 7-8, 2012 Meeting</i> | <i>22</i> | <i>OSHA 10 Class provided to ABC members</i> |
| <i>June 14, 2012 Meeting</i> | <i>94</i> | <i>ABC Safety and Health Graduation</i> |
| <i>September 22, 2012 Meeting</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>Field Safety Training</i> |
| <i>September 27, 2012 Meeting</i> | <i>10</i> | <i>GHS: Are You Ready, presented by Terry Hoyle</i> |
| <i>October 25, 2012 Meeting</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>"Frequent and Regular Inspection," addressing the Focus 4("Caught in Between, Struck-By, Falls, Electrical), and other Hazards in the Construction Industry"</i> |
| <i>November 8, 2012 Meeting</i> | <i>130</i> | <i>STEP (Safety Training and Evaluation Process) Awards Ceremony</i> |

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| <i>November 29, 2012 Meeting</i> | 15 | <i>Safety Discussion for 2013</i> |
| <i>January 31, 2013 Meeting</i> | 18 | <i>STEP Awards Process</i> |
| <i>February 28, 2013</i> | 20 | <i>Reviewed the On-Site Inspection for Frequent and Regular Inspection (Discussed with the group about what we can do to help with the hazard recognition skill of the workers) Announced the new OSHA VPP Coordinator, Roderick Chube</i> |
| <i>March 28, 2013 Meeting</i> | 25 | <i>Background checks for Drug Screening and the 1-9 form, discussion for Temporary Workers, *Compliance Assistance Specialist provided information on 11-C investigator (OSHA's Whistle Blowers Information), Reminded members about STEP Award Submittal Deadline</i> |
| <i>April 1, 2013 Meeting</i> | 100 | <i>High School Students from 6 Parishes participated in the Regional Welding Competition</i> |
| <i>April 16-17 2013 Meeting</i> | 17 | <i>OSHA 10 Class</i> |
| <i>April 25, 2013 Meeting</i> | 16 | <i>Evaluation for ABC Alliance Requirements. Information was provided about the ABC Chapter Apprenticeship Program. All courses are NCCER(National Center for Construction Education and Research)-certified. The courses will be: Carpentry, Electrical, Plumbing, Sheet metal, and Sprinkler Fitter(correspondence course)</i> |
| <i>April 2013 Meeting</i> | 16 | <i>Worker's Memorial; ABC Recognition</i> |
| <i>May 9, 2013 Evaluation Meeting for the year.</i> | 30,000 plus | <i>25 businesses that are committee members, participate in the ABC Bayou Alliance</i> |
| TOTAL | 34,544 | |

V. Upcoming Milestones

The Alliance plans to continue to strive to meet the goals for the next evaluation year and renewal of the Alliance.

- *Continue Safety Committee Meetings*
- *Continue to provide hurricane outreach to local areas*
- *Consider a method of capturing a number of safety contacts and number of students contacted for more accurate annual report.*
- *Continue to provide ABC Training Facility Safety and Health Evaluation.*
- *Increase STEP Award Participation: promotion & outreach*
- *Continue to conduct Frequent and Regular Inspection Presentation to help address Focus Four, or other safety topic.*
- *List major planned activities, products, and issues that the Alliance plans to work on during the next reporting period, including plans for renewal.*

*Additionally emphasis will be placed on the assistance that state consultation can provide to members in training, education in job safety, and health issues.

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