

# **Annual Alliance Report**

**U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Dallas Area Office and Fort Worth Area Office  
And  
Consulate of El Salvador, Dallas Texas**

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## **I. Alliance Background**

### **A. Date Signed**

August 26, 2013 - End Date: Aug 26, 2015

### **B. Evaluation Period**

August 26, 2013 through August 26, 2014

### **C. Overview:**

Alliance with the Consulate of El Salvador in Dallas and the Dallas and Fort Worth Area Offices and directed towards reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities in general and construction industries. The Consulate conducts routine safety presentations where worker rights and best practices are addressed, and guest speakers provide safety information to address hazards in Spanish.

### **D. Implementation Team Members**

#### Consulado de El Salvador in Dallas

Jose Mario Mejia Barrera, Consul General de El Salvador

#### OSHA

Stephen Boyd, Area Director (AD), Dallas Area Office

Elias Vela, Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS), Dallas Area Office

## **II. Implementation Team Meetings**

Worker Rights week was held on the last week of August in 2013 and in 2014. CAS Elias Vela was invited and provided oral and Power-point presentations in the lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador where an audience of approximately one-hundred (100) to two-hundred (200) Salvadorian Nationals were attentive and participated in a Question and Answer Periods. In addition, presentations were also conducted at the Consulate of El

Salvador where approximately thirty (30) to forty (40) Salvadorian Nationals participated each time.

Opportunities were provided during the evaluation period where CAS Elias Vela returned to the lobby of waiting Salvadorian Nationals and these oral presentations were repeated, and OSHA outreach literature was distributed in Spanish.

## **Activities, Events and Products**

### **Outreach and Communication**

- **Events**
  - Labor Rights week Aug 2013
  - Workplace Safety and Health talks at the Consulate lobby Nov 7, 2013
  - Presentations at the lobby on Feb 6, 2014
  - Labor Rights week Aug 26-29, 2014

### **Promoting Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health**

- **Events**
  - No National dialogue at this time
- **Products**
  - OSHA Posters, Falls in Construction and Heat Stress literature in Spanish
  - Other literature promoting workplace safety and health at their outreach events/seminars
  - OSHA Posters were referenced and distributed in Spanish

## **III. Results**

Participation in the alliance has helped maintain and improve the knowledge and sharing of best practices. In addition to the meetings covering National Safety Stand-Down for Falls in Construction, heat stress, distracted driving, slings inspection and safety, cell phone policies, cranes, and other topics, meetings on fatality trends, best practices, and new regulations were distributed.

## **IV. Upcoming Milestones**

The Dallas Area Office will continue to provide a speaker in Spanish to conduct worker rights talks at the lobby of the Consulate of El Salvador on a monthly basis in FY 2015.