

**Gulf Coast Safety Council
Annual Alliance Report
August 2013**

I. Alliance Background

Date Signed: July 17, 2009

Alliance Overview

OSHA and the Gulf Coast Safety Council (GCSC) formally the Greater New Orleans Industrial Educational Council (GNOIEC) established a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful industrial workforce. This relationship provides the industrial workforce including non-English and limited English speaking employees with information, guidance, and access to industrial education training resources that will help protect employees' health and safety. In developing this alliance, OSHA and GCSC recognize that OSHA's Consultation Project partners are an integral part of the OSHA national effort.

II. Implementation Team Members

Dorinda Folsie, Baton Rouge Area Office, Area Director

Sylvester Hedges Jr., GCSC, Executive Director – St. Rose

Wilfred Hebert, OSHA, Baton Rouge Area Office, Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS)

Evaluation Period: July 2012 – July 2013

III. Results

Implementation Team Meetings

Team meetings were held periodically throughout the year to support the Curriculum Committee of GCSC.

September 27, 2012

March 7, 2013

May 16, 2013

Brown Bag meetings were held to further education and compliance in the following areas.

June 28, 2012 – GHS Presentation - Charlie Bergeron - INCOM Manufacturing Group
April 25, 2013 – Safety Trained Supervisor (STS) - (Eddie Greer) – Board of Certified Safety Professionals

Informational Meeting – Keep Customers informed of the Business of the Gulf Coast Safety Council and progress on development.

February 27, 2013 – Annual Informational Meeting

Events and Products

Training and Education:

Wilfred Hebert, Compliance Assistance Specialist visited the Gulf Coast Safety Council to provide an introduction to and attended a discussion with Angela B. Fisher, Regional Investigator, U.S. Department of Labor, Whistleblower Protection Program.

GCSC visited the Baton Rouge Area office to discuss involvement with the training of the commercial construction contractors in the light construction of buildings and housing markets. Agreement was reached to extend training to these contractors to improve safety.

Veronica Acosta and others visited the council to discuss the efforts by OSHA for inspections and review of the Spanish work force.

Wilfred Hebert, Compliance Assistance Specialist helped the Gulf Coast Safety Council to provide the petrochemical industry personnel and industry contract workers, including non-English or limited English speaking employees, with information, guidance, and access to industrial education training resources that will help protect employees' health and safety on the use, inspection and maintenance of safety harnesses and slings in the work place.

Additional discussion and information was provided on protecting the contract workers from heat stress. OSHA Quick Cards were distributed as a means of effective communications.

Wilfred Hebert visited, handed out material, and discussed OSHA's Best Practices for Protecting EMS Responders. Additionally materials and fact sheets on Using Portable Generators safely were provided and discussed.

A distribution was made by the Baton Rouge Area Office on the General Industry Digest. Copies were passed along to customers.

OSHA's staff in Louisiana continues to provide resources for answering questions and continue to assist the alliance as needed.

Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health:

The Gulf Coast Safety Council (GCSC), with support from the Alliance Safety Council became part of an application to become a host site allows GCSC to extend services in the Southern portion of Louisiana for the delivery of all OSHA Training Institute Education Center (OTIEC) courses.

The OSHA national statistics were reviewed and discussion was held on how the process can be improved. The areas reviewed were training of owner representatives who handle contractors, pre-qualification, selection, pre-job activities, work-in-progress, and evaluation.

IV. Results

GCSC interaction with owners and contractors through training and safety meetings help prevent injuries and illnesses in the work place. The collaboration with OSHA provides a visible sign of the strength of our alliance.

The goals for the next year are to strengthen the alliance through meetings with OSHA, owners and contractors to promote an Incident and injury free environment in the work place. Focus will be improving emphasis on OSHA “Top Ten” injury statistics through developing and offering courses through (OTIEC) as indicated above and the Association of Reciprocal Safety Councils (ARSC).

Additionally emphasis will be placed on the assistance that the “OSHA Area Office” can provide in training and education in job safety and health issues.

Upcoming Events:

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<i>Type of Activity</i>	<i>Number of Individuals Reached or Trained</i>	<i>Topic(s)</i>
September 27, 2012	18	
March 7, 2013	13	<i>Meeting and program definition for Hazard Recognition Training for contract workers</i>
May 16, 2013	22	<i>Annual Contractor’s Safety Excellence Awards Banquet held to recognize contractors</i>
June 28, 2012	32	<i>Presentation by Charlie Bergeron, INCOM Manufacturing Group, on the new Globally Harmonized System of Classification and labeling of Chemicals (GHS)</i>
April 25, 2013	28	<i>Presentation and delivery of materials on Safety Trained Supervisor (STS) by Mr. Eddie Greer, Director of Business Development for the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP)</i>
April 25, 2013	28	<i>Presentation on services and provisions for medical services provided by Fishbone Safety in the</i>

		<i>petro/chemical industry in the GCSC area of Training.</i>
February 27, 2013	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)</i>
<i>Evaluation Period</i>	17	<i>OSHA 10 and 30 Class</i>
	35,000 plus	<i>600 Contractor businesses and 32 Owners participate in the GCSC Training Programs</i>
TOTAL	35,178	

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