

# **Annual Alliance Report**

**U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Dallas Area Office  
And  
Hispanic Contractors Association De Tejas**

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## **I. Alliance Background**

### **A. Date Signed**

June 21, 2013

### **B. Evaluation Period**

June 28, 2014 to June 18, 2015

### **C. Overview:**

The Alliance with the Hispanic Contractors Association de Tejas (HCAAT) and the Dallas Area Office is directed towards reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities in the construction industry. HCAAT conducted safety 10-Construction Safety Courses where best practices and incident trends are discussed, and guest speakers provided safety information to address hazards in the construction industry in Spanish and English.

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

#### OSHA

Stephen Boyd, Area Director, OSHA, Dallas Area Office

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

#### Hispanic Contractors Association De Tejas

Elizabeth Saucedo, Executive Director

Javier Arias, Chairman

## **II. Implementation Team Meetings**

The HCAAT provided safety forums for companies and organizations involved in the construction industry and met on a regular basis to discuss accident trends, best practices, disseminate safety information. The HCAAT coordinated speakers to talk on relevant topics to safety and health in construction.

### **III. Activities Events and Products**

#### **Training and Education**

##### **Events**

- Day of the Construction Worker at the HCAT facility memorial cross, 11567 Seagoville Rd. Balch Springs, TX
- Scaffolding Competent Person Training March 2015 27 attended
- 10-hour Construction Safety courses (in Spanish and English) were conducted at community education centers, and at the newly constructed Training Center located at 11509 Seagoville Rd, Balch Springs, TX.
- Participated in the Workers' Memorial Day HCAT events on April 28, 2015. Attended the Construction Worker Memorial Cross ceremony that was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2015, and that was located at 11509 Seagoville Rd. Balch Springs, TX.
- The HCAT provided safety forums for companies and organizations involved in the construction industry and met on a regular basis to discuss accident trends, best practices, disseminate safety information. The HCAT coordinated speakers to talk on relevant topics to safety and health in construction.

##### **Outreach and Communication**

- Monthly safety forums

##### **Products**

- Maintains a website to facilitate the dissemination of information to the construction industry in the Dallas Texas area and in other parts of Texas.
- [www.hcadetejas.org/](http://www.hcadetejas.org/)

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

##### **Events**

- No National dialogue at this time
- Plans for another 10-hour Construction Safety course marathon. Schedule has yet to be determined.

##### **Products**

- Construction Focus Four Hazards book in Spanish and English
- Other literature promoting the HCAT and their outreach events/seminars

#### **IV. 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(May 4th to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015), 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 to contractors.

The May 3, 2014 10-hour Construction Safety Marathon was a great achievement where more than 150 attendees were Spanish, and more than 50 in English at the Richland Community College Annex, in Garland, TX where 10 classrooms were coordinated with authorized trainers from TEEEX, the Dallas and Fort Worth Area OSHA Offices and around the Region.

#### **V. Upcoming Milestones**

- The DAO will continue to support and assist in the outreach efforts and scheduled events of the HCAT organization.
- The HCAT tentative plans to conduct another 10-hour Construction Safety Marathon in September 2015 in Dallas, TX.
- The HCAT website offers monthly newsletter-type information regarding the on-going safety and health topics, seminars, and courses being offered at the HCAT Training Center in Balch Springs, TX.