

ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT

Occupational Safety and Health Administration Little Rock Area Office And the Northwest Arkansas Community College

September 5, 2014

I. Alliance Background

A. Date Signed

September 5, 2013

B. Evaluation Period

September 5, 2013 – September 5, 2014

C. Alliance Overview

Recognizing the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful workplaces within the State of Arkansas, the Arkansas Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (hereinafter, USDOL OSHA) Little Rock Area Office formed an alliance with the Northwest Arkansas Community College (hereinafter, NWACC) to provide safety and health assistance in the areas of training resources and/or material that will help the employers of Northwest Arkansas establish safety cultures that will protect employees in the workplace from work-related injuries and illnesses.

D. Implementation Team Members

Northwest Arkansas Community College

Cindy Hammons, Program Director, Environmental & Regulatory Science, NWACC
Marvin L. Galloway, Dean Division of Science & Mathematics, NWACC
Dave Hartman, Environmental & Regulatory Science Faculty, NWACC

Arkansas Department of Labor

Ricky Belk, Director, Arkansas Department of Labor

Occupational Safety & Health Administration

Carlos Reynolds, Area Director (A.D.), USDOL/OSHA, Little Rock Area Office
Mary Walter, Compliance Assistance Specialist (CAS), USDOL/OSHA, Little Rock Area Office

II. Implementation Team Meetings

The implementation team met during the evaluation period to discuss the objectives and progress toward the goals set forth within the signed Alliance document. Discussions occurred by face-to-face meeting, telephone, and e-mail communications.

III. Activities, Events and Products

Training and Education

Events

- March 17, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent a List of Classes offered by the University of Texas at Arlington for 2014 to the NWACC.
- March 31, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent out the flyer for the Free Construction Seminar put on by the University of Texas at Arlington in Little Rock, Arkansas to all Alliances and Partnerships, including the NWACC
- April 28, 2014, as part of the Worker Memorial recognition events throughout the nation, the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) presented a free seminar – OSHA 7405, Fall Hazard Awareness for the Construction Industry. CAS Mary Walter sent flyers in advance to the NWACC with information on the free seminar. Also included was a list of other current Work Place Safety (free) OSHA 10-Hour Construction Course Schedules.
- June 2, 6, 2014, NWACC Science Lab workers and College Physical Plant Maintenance crew participated in the National Fall Stand Down activities and training. Stand Down materials were also distributed throughout the campus.
- June 21, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent the University of Texas at Arlington (an OSHA Education Center) course curriculum to the Northwest Arkansas Community College.
- August 7 & 8, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent two emails with flyers attached for the free seminar being offered by the University of Texas at Arlington for Labor Rights Week on September 8, 2014. The seminar will cover OSHA Course #7205 – Health Hazard Awareness and will be located in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Outreach and Communication

Events

- August 8, 2013, the Arkansas Department of Labor's Worker Safety Conference was held at the NWACC in Bentonville, Arkansas. Carlos Reynolds, Little Rock Area OSHA Office Area Director, presented an OSHA Update regarding OSHA's

focus for 2013 – 2014, Regional Emphasis and National Emphasis Programs, Frequently Violated Standards and a Fatality Update for Fiscal Year 2013. There were 250 attendees at this conference.

- March 13, 2014, Carlos Reynolds, Little Rock Area OSHA Office Area Director, Clark Thomas of the Arkansas Department of Labor and Dave Hartman of the NWACC participated in a Temporary Workers Meeting at the Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) to discuss the temporary worker safety and health initiative with employers, staffing agencies and state and federal agencies.
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- May 8, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent information on the Great American Shake Out/Earthquake Drill Participation to be conducted on October 16, 2014. A link to the web page was included.
- May 12, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent information on the Fall Prevention Stand-Down with a link to the registration page and phone numbers for the points of contacts.
- May 19, 2014, CAS Mary Walter forwarded a copy of OSHA Quick Takes, which covered the upcoming Fall Stand Down to be held June 2-6, 2014.
- May 29, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent an OSHA News Release regarding the annual summer campaign to prevent heat-related illnesses.

- May 30, 2014, CAS Mary Walter again sent out the link to the National Fall Stand Down registration page and encouraged participation in the Kickoff ceremonies via the web.
- May 30, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent links to free webinars regarding Evacuation and Emergency Planning and Safety Incentive Programs Done Right!
- June 4, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent a link to an article with tips regarding fall prevention.
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- On July 29, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent a report on New Trends in Fatalities among Construction Workers.
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- August 8, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent out three heat-related articles regarding heat-related illnesses, entitled Acclimatization to Heat at Work; Killer Heat: First Days on Job Deadliest; and Heat Related Deaths.
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- August 25, 2014, CAS Mary Walter sent to the NWACC an article on Work Zone Safety.

Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

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IV. Results

The employers in Northwest Arkansas continue to have greater access to educational information and are made aware of OSHA's on-going efforts to reach at-risk industries by sharing current events, safety alerts and best practices.

Type of Activity:	Attendees	2013-14 General Meetings Topics
Temporary Worker Meeting (March 2014)	34	Temporary Workers Meeting at the Northwest Arkansas Community College (NWACC) to discuss the temporary worker safety and health initiative with employers, staffing agencies and state and federal agencies.
Free Seminar (April 2013)	18	OSHA 7405 – Fall Hazard Awareness
OSHA Update (August 2013)	250	AD Carlos Reynolds presented an OSHA Update at the Arkansas Department of Labor Worker Safety Conference at the NWACC.
Arkansas SHARP/VPP Conference (September 2013)	500	Various Safety and Health Topics. Dave Hartman from NWACC presented a recognition ceremony where chairs were set up for each worker killed in Arkansas with a description of each fatality.
National Fall Stand Down (June 2-6, 2014)	38	NWACC sent out email blasts regarding the Fall Stand Down to all their safety contacts. NWACC faculty and staff participated in the National Fall Stand Down.
OSHA Update (August 2014)	240	CAS Mary Walter presented an OSHA Update at the Arkansas Department of Labor Worker Safety Conference at the NWACC.
TOTAL	1080	

V. Upcoming Milestones

The OSHA, Little Rock Area Office, the Arkansas Department of Labor and the Northwest Arkansas Community College will continue to work together through the Alliance to provide employers, employees and the public with information targeted at the individual worker. Efforts will continue in the creation of local opportunities for professional development in order to assist employers in work-related injury reduction, and particularly serious injuries and fatalities.