

**AGREEMENT RENEWING AN ALLIANCE**  
**BETWEEN**  
**THE LITTLE ROCK AREA OFFICE AND THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA OFFICE**  
**THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION**  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**  
**AND**  
**THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS WORKER JUSTICE CENTER**  
**SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Little Rock Area Office, Oklahoma City Area Office, and the Northwest Arkansas Worker Justice Center (NWAJWC) in Springdale, Arkansas, continue to recognize the value of maintaining a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. To that end, OSHA and the NWAJWC hereby renew the Alliance signed August 26, 2013, with a continued emphasis on reducing and preventing exposure to safety and health hazards. Specifically, OSHA's Little Rock Area Office, Oklahoma City Area Office are committed to providing NWAJWC members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers and understand the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act). Through the Alliance, the organizations will continue to address falls, electrical, struck-by, chemical and caught-in/between hazards. In renewing this Alliance, OSHA and NWAJWC recognize that OSHA's State Plan and On-site Consultation Project partners are an integral part of the OSHA national effort.

Raising Awareness of OSHA's Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to raising awareness of OSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives:

- To share information on OSHA's National/Regional/Local Emphasis Programs, Regulatory Agenda, and opportunities to participate in the rulemaking process.
- To share information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers.
- To convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on falls, electrical, struck-by, chemical and caught-in/between hazards to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues.

### Training and Education

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goals:

- To develop effective training and education programs for NAWAJC members in Arkansas and Oklahoma regarding safety and health hazards in the Construction and General Industries relating to falls, electrical, struck-by, chemical and caught-in/between hazards, and to communicate such information to constituent employers and workers.
- To develop effective training and education programs for NAWAJC members in Arkansas and Oklahoma to promote understanding of workers' rights, including the use of the OSHA complaint process, and the responsibilities of employers and to communicate such information to workers and employers.
- To deliver or arrange for the delivery of OSHA 10-Hour Construction and General Industry Outreach Training Programs and other safety related courses.

### Outreach and Communication

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- To develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to develop ways of communicating such information (e.g., print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and links to OSHA's Web site, the Arkansas Department of Labor OSHA Consultation Web site or the NAWAJC Web site) to members in Arkansas and Oklahoma and their employers.
- To speak, exhibit, or appear at OSHA's or the NAWAJC conferences, local meetings, or other events.

OSHA's Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with OSHA for purposes such as raising awareness of OSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives, training and education, and outreach and communication. These Alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering into an Alliance with a party, OSHA is not endorsing or promoting, nor does it intend to endorse or promote, any of that party's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of each organization will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the

participants. In addition, they will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance. OSHA team members will include representatives of the Little Rock, Arkansas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Area Offices, and any other appropriate offices. OSHA will encourage State Plan States' and OSHA On-site Consultation Projects' participation on the team.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years from the date of signing. Any signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the written concurrence of all signatories.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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