

## ANNUAL ALLIANCE REPORT

U.S. Department of Labor  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
Baton Rouge Area Office  
And  
American Builders and Contractors (ABC), Pelican Chapter

May 3, 2013

### I. Alliance Background

#### **Date Signed:**

May 3, 2012

#### **Overview:**

*The Alliance with the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), Pelican Chapter was established to create a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful workplaces. The goals of the Alliance are to be achieved through sharing information, providing guidance, and access to training resources to protect employees' health and safety. Particular focus is to be paid to reducing and preventing exposure to struck-by, falls, caught-in-between and electrical hazards and addressing construction and industrial contractor issues.*

*ABC is a national trade association with 72 chapters representing 22,000 members from more than 19,000 construction and industry-related firms. The ABC, Pelican Chapter was incorporated and developed in April 1980, around the need to adequately service the construction industry throughout Louisiana.*

*The Chapter's Safety Committee is responsible for continually updating the membership on any new or revised standards and regulations, to provide oversight and review on all Pelican Chapter safety training, to promote the ABC National Safety Training and Evaluation Process (S.T.E.P.) Awards program, and to maintain the Alliance with OSHA. The Pelican Chapter Safety Committee comprises the largest concentration of contractor safety professionals in the region, and through the Alliance has a mission of supporting the industry through outreach efforts.*

#### **Implementation Team Members:**

*Jeremy Miller, Chairman, ABC- Pelican Chapter Safety Committee*

*Paul Higdon, Vice Chair, ABC – Pelican Chapter Safety Committee*

*Alexander Novas, Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA, Baton Rouge Area Office*

## **II. Implementation Team Meetings**

*The Safety Committee members and officers meet monthly to discuss the progress of the Alliance and topical information covering industry's safety and health concerns. The monthly meetings commonly feature a guest speaker on a selected safety and health topic relevant to the group. Activities and products of the Alliance are planned and coordinated at the monthly meetings. OSHA Representation normally fields a variety of questions from industry professionals regarding regulatory implementation and compliance in an open discussion format.*

## **III. Activities and Products**

### **Evaluation Period:**

*May 3, 2012 to May 3, 2013*

### *Training and Education*

- *A struck-by seminar was planned and conducted to address the rising occurrence of struck-by incidents throughout industry in Louisiana. The seminar provided information on hazard recognition, prevention and protection. Presentations were conducted by OSHA Compliance Assistance, industry and vendor representatives. The seminar was attended by chapter and non-chapter members and their employees. Attendance for the seminar was promoted through several organizations and email invitations. As a result of the seminar, 6 attending companies requested and were provided with additional outreach support. The requests included model policy, program and implementation information.*

### *Outreach and Communication*

- *OSHA publications and information were provided at each committee meeting for distribution to employees by committee and chapter members.*
- *Outreach was provided to regional High Schools trades education programs. Tours were conducted of craft training at adopted high schools, advising faculty of any physical safety concerns identified in the instructional facilities, and occasionally presenting basic industry safety information to high school students.*
- *A Safety evaluation of the Pelican Craft Training Center was conducted during each spring and fall semester.*
- *Outreach assistance was provided to chapter member companies participating in the National ABC STEP Award Process.*

### *Promoting the National Dialogue on Safety and Health*

- *The ABC Pelican Safety Committee annually recognizes Workers' Memorial Day and communicates related information to all regional industry personnel.*

#### IV. Results

The ABC, Pelican Chapter Members continue to have access to a greater amount of outreach information and publications and are made aware of the continued efforts of OSHA to reach at-risk industries by sharing current events, safety alerts and best practices.

<b>Type of Activity</b>	<b>Number of Individuals Reached or Trained</b>	<b>Topic(s)</b>
<i>May 2012 Meeting</i>	18	<i>Construction Coalition for a Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; National Craft Competition</i>
<i>June 2012 Meeting</i>	21	<i>I2P2 Injury/Illness Prevention Health Program; NCCER "Knowledge Verified vs. Certified"</i>
<i>July 2012 Meeting</i>	13	<i>ABC National partnering with International Safety; ABC Pelican partnering with BRCC for summer program</i>
<i>August 2012 Meeting</i>	14	<i>Legislative Conference; Fall Semester begins</i>
<i>September 2012 Meeting</i>	14	<i>Crane procedures and process; STEP</i>
<i>October 2012 Meeting</i>	19	<i>Plant entry requirements; ABC hosting NCCER on SMEs for Pipefitters, Boilermakers, and Millwrights</i>
<i>November 2012 Meeting</i>	21	<i>NCCER - meeting to discuss portable performance verifications; Course Choice Review</i>
<i>December 2012 Meeting</i>	11	<i>CCO appealed the tonnage on crane certification; Expedited welding training</i>
<i>January 2013 Meeting</i>	12	<i>Constructor Safety Award Nominations; Westlake Chemical explosion</i>
<i>February 2013 Meeting</i>	21	<i>Safety Audit; Introduction of new OSHA VPP Coordinator, Roderick Chube</i>
<i>February 27, 2013 Training Center Safety Evaluation</i>	900	<i>Committee led evaluation of the Pelican Chapter training facility.</i>
<i>March 2013 Meeting</i>	20	<i>Struck by Hazards Seminar; OSHA enforcement at a standstill; STEP deadline</i>
<i>2/21/13: ABC Craft Competition</i>	31	<i>Provide Safety Judges, Oversight and First-Aid</i>

		<i>Stand-By.</i>
<i>March 26, 2013 Struck-By Hazards Seminar</i>	40	<i>Presentation: Recognition and Prevention of Struck-By Hazards</i>
<i>3/26/13: Outreach Following Struck By Hazards Seminar</i>	6	<i>Outreach: Peer Coaching, Model policy and program support information</i>
<i>March 28, 2013 STEP Award Submittal Deadline</i>	31	<i>Companies completing and submitting self evaluation against STEP Award criteria for recognition.</i>
<i>April 2013 Meeting</i>	16	<i>Worker's Memorial; ABC High School Craft Competition</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,208</b>	

## V. Upcoming Milestones

*The Alliance plans to continue to strive to meet the goals for the next evaluation year and renewal of the Alliance.*

- *Continue Monthly Safety Committee Meetings*
- *Continue To Provide Outreach to Regional High School Craft Programs*
- *Consider a method of capturing number of safety contacts and number of students contacted for more accurate annual report.*
- *Continue to provide ABC Training Facility Safety Evaluation each semester.*
- *Increase STEP Award Participation: Promotion & Outreach*
- *Conduct One Safety Seminar: New Emerging, Focus Four, or Other Safety Topic.*
- *List major planned activities, products and issues that the Alliance plans to work on during the next reporting period, including plans for renewal.*