

Annual Alliance Report
U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Dallas Area Office
And
Regional Hispanic Contractors Association - Dallas

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I. Alliance Background

A. Date Signed

April 28, 2014 End Date: April 28, 2016

B. Evaluation Period

April 28, 2014 through May 29, 2015

C. Overview

Alliance with the Regional Hispanic Contractors Association (RHCA)-Dallas and the Dallas Area Office and directed towards reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities in the construction industry. RHCA offers safety meetings of minority construction contractors, where best practices and incident trends are discussed, and guest speakers provide safety information to address hazards in the industries.

D. Implementation team Members

OSHA

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

Regional Hispanic Contractors Association -Dallas

John Martinez, President (2014),
Yolanda Tafoya, RHCA Dallas Office Administrator

II. Implementation Team Meetings:

Alliance coordination and planning was conducted through phone, email, and meetings. RHCA -Dallas meetings were conducted throughout the evaluation period. OSHA CAS attended Safety Council meetings and served as a guest Trainer and conducted an introduction to OSHA presentations in English and Spanish for 10-hour Construction Safety Courses where more than 20 members attended.

III. Events and Products

Training and Education

- Events
 - National Safety Stand-Down for Fall Protection during May 4 - 15, 2015
 - Worker's Memorial Day Breakfast Apr 28, 2015
 - Day of the Construction Worker May 3, 2015

- Seminars
 - The RHCA -Dallas provided a safety forum for contractors and their workers involved in the construction industry to meet on a routine basis to discuss accident trends, best practices, disseminate safety information, and have speakers talk on relevant topics to safety in the workplace. Meetings are held monthly and last approximately one hour.
 - The 10-hour and 30-hour Construction Safety Course was offered and conducted the RHCA Members and non-members in Spanish and English.

- Products
 - A resource slide presentation was developed with industry related safety information and distributed to hundreds of companies in the construction and manufacturing industries.
 - The RHCA website was updated and features a link specifically for OSHA and Safety updates

Outreach and Communication

- Events
 - Monthly Safety Council meetings

- Products
 - Website, <http://regionalhca.org/safety/> facilitated the dissemination of workers' rights information and events in North Texas.

Promoting the National Dialogue on Workplace Safety and Health

- Events
 - No National dialogue at this time
- Products

IV. Results

Participation in the Alliance has helped maintain and improve the knowledge and sharing of best practices for the construction industry in the Dallas area. The RHCA -Dallas has become a distribution point for safety related classes and information in the area, particularly non-profit safety classes offered in the area. The meetings average approximately 20 attendees. OSHA's National Campaign for work-related Heat Stress and National Initiative for Distracted Driving were addressed and materials were provided to members-attendees of the meetings.

V. Upcoming Milestones

The RHCA website calendar lists:

- Luna Awards in October 2015.