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AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE

BETWEEN

NEW MEXICO OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY BUREAU

(NM OSHA)

AND

FOUR CORNERS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS (FOUR CORNERS CHAPTER OF THE ASSE)

The New Mexico Occupational Health and Safety Bureau (NM OSHA) and the Four Corners Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers (Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful New Mexico workplaces. NM OSHA and the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE hereby form an Alliance to provide the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect employees' health and safety, particularly in reducing and preventing exposure to general industry and construction hazards. In developing this Alliance, NM OSHA and the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE recognize this cooperative agreement as an integral part of the effort.

<u>NM OSHA and the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE will work together to achieve the following training and education goals:</u>

- Develop, coordinate, schedule and deliver training and education programs for a wide variety of general industry and construction hazards (*e.g.* gas and oil operations, manufacturing, commercial and residential construction).

- Provide expertise in communicating such information to employers and employees in the State of New Mexico.

<u>NM OSHA and the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE will work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:</u>

- Develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and methods of communicating such information (e.g. print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools and NM OSHA's and the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE's web sites to employers and employees in the State of New Mexico.

- Speak, exhibit, or appear at NM OSHA's or the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE's conferences, local meetings, or other training/outreach events.

- Share information among NM OSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding best practices and effective approaches and publicize results through development of materials, training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum).

- Promote and encourage the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE's members' or worksites' participation in NM OSHA's cooperative programs, such as compliance assistance, State and National Partnership Agreements, the Voluntary Protection Program, and the Consultation Program and its Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program.

- Encourage Industry to build relationships with NM OSHA to address industry specific health and safety issues.

NM OSHA and the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE will work together to achieve the following goals related to promoting the State dialogue on workplace safety and health:

- Raise others' awareness of and demonstrate commitment to workplace safety and health whenever the Four Corners Chapter of the ASSE leaders address groups.

- Convene or participate in forums, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace and to provide input on safety and health issues.

NM OSHA's Alliances provide organizational, educational, and business entities an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with NM OSHA for purposes such as training and education, outreach and communication and promoting a State dialogue on workplace safety and health. These Alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both NM OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering into an Alliance with an entity, NM OSHA is not endorsing any of that entity's products or services; nor does the Bureau enter into an Alliance with the purpose of promoting a particular entity's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of both organizations 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. Team members will include representatives of NM OSHA's Compliance Assistance Specialists, Consultants or the Consultation Manager.

This agreement will remain in effect for one year. Either 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 concurrence of both signatories.

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