

LIMITED
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
(EDUCATION & TRAINING PILOT)

Between

U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration



Associated General Contractors



Socorro Independent School District

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I. IDENTIFICATION OF PARTNERS

The partners to this agreement include the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational and Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); the Associated General Contractors (AGC), El Paso, Texas Chapter; and the Socorro Independent School District (SISD).

II. BACKGROUND

Despite OSHA's efforts, every year over 6,000 Americans die from workplace injuries , an estimated 50,000 people die from illnesses caused by workplace chemical exposures, and 6 million people suffer non-fatal workplace injuries. Injuries alone cost the economy more than \$110 billion a year. Many of these deaths, illnesses and injuries are attributed directly to the lack of employee training and education. OSHA's vision is to make America's workplaces the safest in the world. To realize this vision, OSHA will provide outreach activities and cooperative initiatives that can have a significant impact on the safety and health of our future workforce and will put in place the necessary training, resources, and support systems to make this happen.

The Associated General Contractors of El Paso is a full service construction association with over 125 member firms representing over 10,000 employees. The AGC represents general contractors, sub-contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, equipment manufacturers and professional firms. One of the AGC's principle goals and a long-standing commitment of the association are to promote safety awareness and serve as a safety resource for its members.

The Socorro Independent School District is located in the southeastern portion of El Paso County, Texas. It serves Socorro, Horizon City, and the eastern portion of the City of El Paso. The District covers 136 square miles of El Paso County and serves more than 27,000 students daily. The Socorro Independent School District offers innovative vocational training and aims to increase student academic performance by its continued efforts to integrate Career & Technology education and academic education. SISD is fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency, and many of its schools have been recognized for their outstanding academic achievements.

III. COMMITMENT

The leadership of OSHA, the AGC and the SISD through a common vision are committed to providing safety and health training to all SISD students enrolled in courses provided by the Division of Career and Technology Education. Furthermore, OSHA and the AGC extend their commitment by offering to provide safety and health training to the parents of the students participating in Career and Technology Education.

IV. GOALS

OSHA, the AGC and SISD will work in partnership to accomplish the following four goals:

1. Provide SISD Career and Technology Education (CATE) Instructors with an overview of OSHA's history, current purpose, applicable and relevant OSHA standards and available services.
2. Provide students/parents training on applicable and relevant OSHA regulations.
3. Share with students/parents OSHA's Inspection protocols and procedures; and explain employee and employer rights to students/parents to include 11(c) investigations.
4. Provide students/parents with a basic understanding and recognition of OSHA's history, current purpose, and available services.

V. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

OSHA, the AGC and SISD agree to put forth a concerted effort to achieve the desired goals and to have a positive impact all the students who receive this training. Furthermore:

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) agrees to:

- Provide a qualified and competent Instructor/Trainer as scheduled (i.e. Compliance Assistance Specialist, OSHA Staff or AGC Trainer).
- Provide students safety and health training, information, resources and necessary training materials (when available).
- Adhere to all SISD campus rules and regulations in regards to security, student safety, and the interaction with students while on campus and in the classroom.

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) agrees to:

- Provide a qualified and competent Instructor/Trainer as scheduled.
- Provide parents safety and health training, information, resources and training materials (when available).
- Adhere to all SISD campus rules and regulations in regards to security, student safety, and the interaction with students while on campus and in the classroom.

The Socorro Independent School District agrees to:

- Provide OSHA and the AGC with presentation schedules, topic(s) of presentation(s), campus/room location(s), class size and campus contact person name 30 working days prior to the date of the presentation.
- Provide at all times while students are present a Career And Technology Education (CATE) Instructor to monitor the behavior of the class.
- Provide OSHA and the AGC a facility in which other adult safety and health courses could be held on a quarterly basis.

VI. OBJECTIVES

The partners agree to construct a partnership based on the mutually shared principle that the information and training to be shared with the students participating in these presentations is of the utmost importance and that it is essential they receive this information prior to them leaving the school district and entering the workforce.

VII. ADMINISTRATION

A Steering Committee will be formed to manage the partnership. Three representatives, one from each of the following agencies, will chair the committee: OSHA, AGC, and SISD. Additional representation may be added at a later date.

The committee will determine partnership procedures, hold quarterly conference calls, track, analyze and share information on partnership activities and results. In addition, the committee will meet at least annually to evaluate the effectiveness of the agreement. When possible, meetings will take place at the OSHA, AGC, or SISD office.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION

The initial phase of the partnership will center on providing information and training in those courses identified and scheduled by the SISD and Steering Committee which focus on the attainment of goals #1-4. Thereafter the SISD will provide OSHA and the AGC with presentation schedules, topic(s) of presentation(s), campus/room location(s), class size and campus contact person name 30 working days prior to the date of the presentation.

IX. PARTNERSHIP EVALUATION

All participants will evaluate this partnership yearly. Such evaluations will include criteria such as, but not necessarily limited to, effectiveness of presentations, effectiveness of instructors/trainers, number of students being reached, types of courses being reached, etc... Specifically, the Partnership Steering Committee will identify appropriate performance measures for the partnership. These measures will focus on the impact of outreach, training, and assistance being offered.

X. TERMS OF AGREEMENT

This agreement will run for four (4) years. The agreement will be reviewed annually in writing and at the end of the four (4) year term by the Steering Committee. The agreement may be modified at any time with the agreement of all signatory partners. The agreement may be renewed at the end of three years, also with agreement from all parties.

XI. FUNDING

It is not anticipated that any funding will be transferred between AGC, OSHA and the SISD. However, OSHA and the AGC will endeavor to provide the necessary training and promotional materials, subject to the availability of appropriations.

XII. TERMINATION

The partnership may be terminated for any reason 30 days following the receipt of a signed, written letter from any signatory partner.

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