



**Alliance between Oregon OSHA
and the
Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association**

Summary of Goals: This alliance seeks to increase outreach efforts to affected employers and employees in this industry, with the goal of increasing awareness surrounding hazard communications, electrical contacts, ergonomic issues, personal protective equipment (PPE), and slips and falls, ultimately reducing illness and injury rates among employees in the restaurant industry. In addition, this alliance will contribute to the statewide dialogue on workplace safety and health with a focus on the young and mobile work force indigenous to the industry.

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Outreach and Communication

Oregon OSHA and ORLA will work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- Work with Oregon OSHA to provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to provide expertise in developing ways of communicating such information in English, Spanish and/or other languages (e.g. print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and Oregon OSHA's and ORLA websites) to employers and employees in the restaurant industry.
- Speak, exhibit, or appear at Oregon OSHA or ORLA conferences, conventions, local meetings, or other events.
- Share information among Oregon OSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding ORLA best practices and publicize the benefits of implementing safety programs and best practices. Outreach methods used by ORLA and Oregon OSHA may include newly developed materials, training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures.

- Promote and encourage ORLA members' participating in Oregon OSHA's cooperative programs such as the consultation program, the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP), and the Voluntary Protection Program

Promoting the statewide dialogue on workplace safety and health

Oregon OSHA and ORLA will work together to achieve the following goal related to promoting the statewide dialogue on workplace safety and health:

- Convene or participate in forums, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings on issues including hazard communication, electrical contacts, ergonomic issues, slips and falls, and personal protective equipment as related to the restaurant industry.
- Work collaboratively to forge innovative health and safety solutions benefiting the industry with a focus on young worker education.

Alliance outcome goals:

Hazard communication will contribute to **Strategic Goal #1** – Reduce serious workplace injuries and the risks that lead to them, and **Strategic Goal #2** - Reduce serious workplace illnesses and the risks that lead to them, and **Strategic Goal #3** – Reduce workplace deaths and the risks that lead to them.

In particular, the following activities will contribute to Oregon OSHA's measurable progress on performance goals:

Performance Goal (1, 2, 3)-1

Encourage employer members of the alliance to participate in one of Oregon OSHA's voluntary recognition programs – SHARP or VPP.

Performance Goal (1, 2, 3)-2

Continue outreach efforts to employers and employees in the restaurant and lodging industry through multi-lingual printed information, electronic media and the ORLA web site.

Performance Goal (1, 2, 3)-3

Strengthen the partnership between Oregon OSHA and the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association.

Performance Goal (1, 2,)-1

Increase the number of consultation visits to restaurants and lodging establishments as a result of this alliance.

Performance Goal (3-1)

Encourage employer members of the alliance to request a comprehensive consultation visit at their site(s), as a way to further reduce workplace illnesses, injuries and deaths.

Reporting requirements:

Evaluation indicators and achievement of outcomes will be discussed during periodic meetings. Contribute information to Oregon OSHA for inclusion in press releases.

Other Information:

Industry sector: Restaurant business and lodging establishments

NAICS Sector 72 – Accommodation and Food Services

Number of businesses covered: Approximately 9600 eating and drinking businesses, and 2500 lodging establishments

Expected signing date: December, 2011

References:

Alliances policy, Oregon OSHA Program Directive PD A-259, effective 1/1/2006

OSHA Alliance Program, OSHA Instruction CSP-04091-001, effective 6/1/0/2004

OLMIS Current Employment Statistics, Oregon Employment Department, 1-/2007

Oregon OSHA's alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in cooperative relationship with Oregon OSHA for purposes such as training and education, outreach and communication, promoting the statewide dialogue on workplace safety and health, and regulatory streamlining. These alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both Oregon OSHA and its alliance participants. By entering into an alliance with a party, Oregon OSHA is not endorsing any of that party's products or services; nor does the agency enter into an alliance with the purpose of promoting a particular party'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 twice per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the alliance.

This agreement will remain in effect until cancelled. 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 concurrence of all signatories.



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