



**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN**

**THE MICHIGAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
(MIOSHA)**

AND

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERS (ASSE)
GREATER DETROIT CHAPTER, WEST MICHIGAN CHAPTER,
AND LANSING CHAPTER**

The Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) – Greater Detroit Chapter, West Michigan Chapter, and Lansing Chapter recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful Michigan workplaces. To that end, MIOSHA and ASSE – Greater Detroit Chapter, West Michigan Chapter, and Lansing Chapter hereby form an alliance to provide ASSE – Greater Detroit Chapter, West Michigan Chapter, and Lansing Chapter members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers, particularly by reducing and preventing exposure to occupational hazards and occupational health and safety issues, and understand the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Act (MIOSH Act). In developing this alliance, MIOSHA and ASSE – Greater Detroit Chapter, West Michigan Chapter, and Lansing Chapter recognize that MIOSHA’s Consultation Education and Training (CET) Division is an integral part of this effort.

Raising Awareness of MIOSHA’s Rulemaking and Enforcement Initiatives

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to raising awareness of MIOSHA’s rulemaking and enforcement initiatives:

- To share information on OSHA’s National Emphasis Programs, MIOSHA’s Local Emphasis Programs, Regulatory Agenda, and opportunities to participate in the rulemaking process.
- To share information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers.

- To convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on occupational safety and health to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues.
- The chapters, through their boards of directors and committee chairs, will promote cooperation and dialogue between the chapters and MIOSHA. A MIOSHA representative will be welcomed and encouraged to attend all technical and board of director meetings regardless of the topic.

Training and Education

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goals:

- To develop effective training and education programs for occupational safety and health profession regarding occupational safety and health and to communicate such information to constituent employers and workers.
- To develop effective training and education programs for occupational safety and health profession to promote understanding of workers' rights, including the use of the MIOSHA complaint process, and the responsibilities of employers and to communicate such information to workers and employers.
- The chapters conduct technical meetings on a monthly basis. Our program committee chairs will work closely with CET to bring MIOSHA programs to our technical meetings at least quarterly, split between the three Michigan ASSE Chapters. ASSE Michigan Chapters will promote the student scholarship program to encourage professional development in occupational safety and health.

Outreach and Communication

The participants intend to work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- To develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to develop ways of communicating such information (e.g., print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and MIOSHA's and the ASSE – Greater Detroit Chapter, West Michigan Chapter, and Lansing Chapter website) to employers and workers in the industry.
- To speak, exhibit, or appear at MIOSHA's or ASSE – Greater Detroit Chapter, West Michigan Chapter, and Lansing Chapter conferences, local meetings, or other ASSE events.
- To share information among MIOSHA personnel and industry safety and health professionals regarding ASSE – Greater Detroit Chapter, West Michigan Chapter, and Lansing Chapter good practices or effective approaches through training

programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum) developed by the participants.

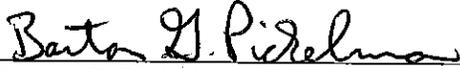
- To work with other alliance participants on specific issues and projects related to occupational safety and health issues that are addressed and developed through the alliance program.
- To develop and disseminate case studies on occupational safety and health issues and publicize their results.
- Improved communication and cooperation between chapter members and MIOSHA resulting in improved program delivery and understanding.
- Have chapter member-firms directly involved in consultation/hazard surveys offered by MIOSHA-CET consultants.
- Increased awareness of MIOSHA and the programs CET offers.
- Increased MIOSHA coverage in chapter publications and information about the alliance in MIOSHA publications.
- Safer, better trained chapter members and the employees of their respective companies.

MIOSHA's alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with MIOSHA for purposes such as raising awareness of MIOSHA's rulemaking and enforcement initiatives, training and education, and outreach and communication. These alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both MIOSHA and its alliance participants. By entering into an alliance with a party, MIOSHA is not endorsing or promoting, nor does it intend to endorse or promote, any of that party's products or services.

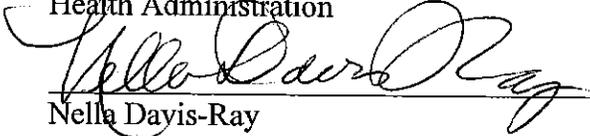
An implementation team made up of representatives of each organization will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. In addition, they will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the alliance. MIOSHA team members will include representatives of the MIOSHA CET Division.

The alliance agreement will remain in effect for three years from the date of signing. 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 written concurrence of both signatories.

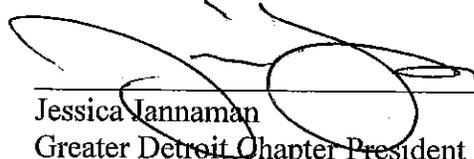
Signed this 19th day of April, 2016.



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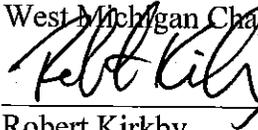
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