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AGC/OSHA Susan Harwood Training Grant Request for Proposal (RFP)

Through the Department of Labor/OSHA Susan Harwood Training Grant Program, AGC of America (AGC) will be offering free **Trenching and Excavation Hazards in Construction** safety training from January 2022 through September 2022 designed to train attendees to recognize, avoid and prevent hazards related to trenching and excavation activities in construction. The training will cover injury, illness and fatality statistics related to trenching and excavation; OSHA's frequently cited trenching and excavation standards; common trenching and excavation hazards; OSHA's Priority Goal focused on trenching and excavation hazards; and proper selection of protective systems. AGC will be partnering with nine (9) chapters to offer two sessions of this one-day training course at each chapter.

Background

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), from 2015 to 2018, the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI) reported 103 total trenching and excavation-related deaths, an average of 25 per year over this 4-year period. Also, the OSHA Information System (OIS) Accident Investigation Report shows that between FY 2013 – FY 2017, there were a total of 156 incidents reported in the construction industry.

Moreover, between October 2018 and September 2019, there were 1,499 citations and more than \$7,000,000 in penalties issued to construction employers for failing to meet their compliance obligations under Subpart P. This further demonstrates a need for contractors to be educated on the safety requirements designed to ensure protection of workers in trenches and excavations on construction sites, but most importantly prevent serious injuries and fatalities associated with them.

AGC chapters are a key partner in helping spread the word about trenching and excavation hazards in construction to membership and industry. By hosting this **FREE** training, you are providing management personnel and workers in the construction industry the tools they need to protect themselves and their co-workers. If you are interested in hosting this AGC/OSHA Susan Harwood training at your chapter, please click [HERE](#) to apply. Submissions are due by **Friday, November 5, 2021**.

Chapter Selection

AGC's safety staff will review each submission in conjunction with the goal requirements of the grant and decide in the best interest of the membership. Due to recent reductions in funding, the selection of chapter locations will be limited to those nine that best demonstrate the ability to host successful training courses.

AGC and Chapter Responsibilities

Each chapter will be responsible for providing a suitable training location, promoting the course to both members and non-members, and managing registration. A \$2,500 stipend will be provided by AGC to offset the cost associated with securing a meeting space. AGC will also provide instructors for English-language trainings, and marketing and training materials. Chapters are not required to provide breakfast or lunch but may choose to do so using a portion of the training location stipend and/or sponsorships.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this RFP, the OSHA Susan Harwood Training Grant Program, or the **Trenching and Excavation Hazards in Construction** training, please contact Nazia Shah and/or Kevin Cannon.

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