

Safety training program expanded to full-time workers

In March, 2009, Associated Industries (A.I.) and Humanix Corp. partnered with the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries to form PartnerS.H.I.P.s in Safety, an innovative project designed to bring awareness, tools and free training information to businesses on the importance of safety training – especially for their temporary employees.



Originally, the program was planned to end in October, 2009, however the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) has asked A.I. and Humanix to continue with additional activities geared more toward full-time workers. Those activities include:

- Providing informational flyers for target companies emphasizing safety training for *all* employees (rather than the temporary employees the program initially targeted)
- Scheduling onsite one-on-one training appointments

- Conducting free onsite Accident Prevention Program (APP) appointments
- Mailing APP materials to local employers
- Funding for follow-up phone calls and emails to these targeted companies

“The S.H.I.P. program brings together Associated Industries’ decades of experience in safety training, and the proven track record of Humanix as the area’s leading temporary staffing service,” says Nancy Nelson, Humanix Corp. President, “but during this second round the training will take a slightly different approach. Our flyers, contacts and training will emphasize safety training for all employees.”

“These materials provide a practical ‘how to’ for the companies we work with,” says Associated Industries’ Vice President Safety Services, Jim Gurnea. “We aim to give them ‘real world’ tools that will help them reduce injuries, at no cost to the employer.”

“This training was exactly what we needed to get our (much needed) Accident Prevention Program rolling,” says Ken Briggs, CEO of Spokane Valley Partners, one of the companies that participated in the program.

“With the new warehouse addition, we moved from a mostly ‘office’ type workplace to a more light industrial one, with all the risks associated with lifting, moving equipment, etc.

“Without the templates and other support material provided to us through the [PartnerS.H.I.P.] Program, we would have spent countless hours of research and still not have produced as good a product.”

Associated Industries and Humanix will continue to contact Spokane area businesses to set up appointments to lay out a schedule for classes, for the program which is taught by Gurnea and Humanix Safety Account Manager Tiffany Steeley.

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