



For Immediate Release

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Lakes Area & Kossuth County ECI: “Ten Hour IOSHA Safety Training Certificate Courses”

SPENCER, IOWA – Iowa Workforce Development will commit its resources to Iowa’s prosperity by working to ensure the income security, productivity, safety and health of all Iowans. One goal is to reduce the incidence of injury or illness to workers by enhancing the ability to identify and control safety and health hazards. Employers can learn about potential hazards at their worksites and improve their occupational safety and health management systems by using IOSHA’s consultation services and training opportunities.

The Lakes Area Employers’ Council and Kossuth County (ECI) in conjunction with Iowa Workforce Development is offering two “Ten Hour IOSHA Safety Training Certificate” sessions in May for employers who are interested in promoting safety in their workplace. Both of the training sessions will be led by Mike Whitmore, Compliance Assistance Specialist with the Iowa Dept of Labor, Iowa Workforce Development.

SHARP and VPP are company recognition programs for safety and health management awarded by the Commissioner of Labor on behalf of the Governor of Iowa. Employers should note that this program is completely separate from the IOSH Enforcement staff, no citations are issued or penalties proposed, and it is confidential.

Ten Hour OSHA Safety Training Certificate Course Construction Trades Class

Dates: May 19 and 20, 2009: Tuesday the 19th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm & Wednesday the 20th 8 am to noon

Location: Iowa Lakes Community College, 1900 N. Grand Ave, Spencer, Iowa 51301.

Cost: \$25.00 per person includes program expenses, light lunch & refreshments.

Topics to be covered include:

- Introduction to OSHA/Inspection Procedures/Safety Training and Programs
- Hazard Communications (RTK)/Health Hazards
- PPE/Fire Protective Equipment
- Tools/Welding
- Electrical
- Scaffolds/Fall Protection/Confined Space Entry
- Excavations
- Ladders and Stairs
- Concrete/Cranes

Ten Hour OSHA Safety Training Certificate Course General Industrial Class

Dates: May 21 and 22, 2009: Thursday the 21st 8:00 am to 3:30 pm & Friday the 22nd 8 am to 11:00 am

Location: Iowa Lakes Community College, 1900 N. Grand Ave, Spencer, Iowa 51301

Cost: \$25.00 per person includes program expenses, lunch & refreshments

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Topics to be covered include:

- Introduction to OSHA standards
- Walking/Working Surfaces/Falls
- Means of Egress/Fire Protection
- Ergonomics
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)/Welding/Hazardous Materials
- Materials Handling/Back Ergonomics
- Machine Guarding
- Electrical
- Hazard Communication
- OSHA Recordkeeping

Pre-registration is requested by Friday May 15, 2009 to Bob Becker at (712) 262-1971 ext 126 or Robert.becker@iwd.iowa.gov. Be sure to indicate WHICH OF THE TWO COURSES YOU WANT. There is a registration fee of \$25 to attend which covers meeting expenses and refreshments. This program has been approved for 8.0 (General) recertification credit hours (for each course) towards PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification through the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI). A certificate of attendance will be provided at the training session.

The Lakes Area Employers' Council is a local employer group supported by Iowa Workforce Development Region 3 and 4 and is part of the statewide Employers' Council of Iowa system. All businesses are welcomed to attend these sessions. This employers' group addresses workforce issues, and provides both educational and networking opportunities for employers and human resource professionals. Contact Bob Becker for more information about the Lakes Area ECI group.

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