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**Southwest Iowa ECI January Training Sessions:
“Ten Hour OSHA Safety Training Certificate Course for General Industries”
and “Iowa OSHA Emphasis Programs and Top Ten Safety Violations”**

COUNCIL BLUFFS, 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 Southwest Iowa Employers’ Council (ECI) in conjunction with Iowa Workforce Development is offering two training sessions in January for employers who are interested in promoting safety in their workplace. The training sessions will be led by Mike Witmore, Compliance Assistance Specialist with the Iowa Dept of Labor, Iowa Workforce Development. Mike will also be training the “Construction Trades Ten Hour OSHA Safety Training Certificate Course” on February 17 & 18, 2010.

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 General Industry Class

January 20 & 21, 2010: Wednesday the 20th 8:00 am to 3:30 pm & Thursday the 21st 8:00 am to 11:30

Location: MICAH House, Charles Lakin Campus, 1415 Ave J, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

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

Training is approved for 10.0 General credit hours towards PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification

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

Iowa OSHA Emphasis Programs & Top Ten Safety Violations

January 21, 2010 Thursday 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Location: MICAH House, Charles Lakin Campus, 1415 Ave J, Council Bluffs, IA 51501

Cost: No fee to attend; light lunch will be provided

Program approved for 1.5 hours of General credit hours towards PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification

Topics to be covered include:

- Current Iowa OSHA Emphasis Programs & Effects on Employers
- How to Avoid Citations
- What Investigations Looks for and Inspection Policies
- Most Frequent Sited Standards
- Consultation Programs with Iowa OSHA

Pre-registration is requested by Friday January 15th to Carol Morgan at (712) 242-2131 or carol.morgan@iwd.iowa.gov.

The Southwest IA Employers' Council is a local employer group supported by Iowa Workforce Development Region 13 including Harrison, Shelby, Pottawattamie, Mills, Cass, Freemont and Page counties, and is part of the statewide Employers' Council of Iowa system. All businesses, including Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri employers are welcome to attend ECI events. This employers' group addresses workforce issues, and provides both educational and networking opportunities for employers and human resource professionals. Contact Carol Morgan for more information about the Southwest Iowa ECI group.

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