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OSHA announces new online Outreach Training Program providers

WASHINGTON -- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration today announced its selection of 10 OSHA authorized training providers to deliver 25 online courses as part of its Outreach Training Program. The OSHA Outreach Training Program teaches workers how to identify, prevent, and eliminate workplace hazards. The program also informs workers of their rights, employer responsibilities, and how to file a complaint.

“We are pleased to announce the selection of these online training providers,” said Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Dr. David Michaels. “These high-quality online courses will allow a greater number of workers to receive valuable interactive training supported by safety professionals -- especially in remote areas with limited access to standard classrooms.”

The online courses are voluntary and are not required by OSHA, but they provide training that can help protect workers’ safety and health and help employers reduce the high costs of worker injuries and illnesses.

The organizations selected by OSHA to offer the online courses will provide a variety of 10- and 30-hour classes designed for Construction, General Industry, and Maritime. Since OSHA began authorizing training providers to offer Web-based distance learning in 2001, the online Outreach Training Program has grown significantly. More than 135,000 workers were trained online in 2011— a five-fold increase from the number of online students trained in 2007. Access to courses and other information about the program are available at <http://s.dol.gov/L6>.

Today’s selections are the culmination of a national competition announced last March. The newly selected OSHA-authorized Outreach Training Program online training providers are:

- Construction 10-Hour: AdvanceOnline Solutions, CareerSafe, ClickSafety, Compliance Solutions, PureSafety, Safety Unlimited, Texas Engineering Extension Service
- Construction 10-Hour Spanish: ClickSafety and PureSafety
- Construction 30-Hour: AdvanceOnline Solutions, ClickSafety, PureSafety, Texas Engineering Extension Service, Turner Knowledge Network
- General Industry 10-Hour: AdvanceOnline Solutions, CareerSafe, ClickSafety, North Carolina State University, PureSafety, Safety Unlimited, Texas Engineering Extension Service
- General Industry 30-Hour: AdvanceOnline Solutions, ClickSafety, PureSafety
- Maritime 10-Hour: Moxie Media
- Workers must receive additional training on hazards specific to their job.

OSHA provides no funding to authorized Outreach Training Program training providers.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

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