AGREEMENT RENEWING AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND
THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) recognize the value of continuing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. OSHA and AIHA hereby renew their Alliance, originally signed October 10, 2002, and renewed April 23, 2004, to provide AIHA members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect employees’ health and safety, particularly in addressing ergonomic and hazard communication issues. In developing this Alliance, OSHA and AIHA recognize that OSHA’s State Plan and Consultation Project partners are an integral part of the OSHA national effort.

OSHA and AIHA will work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- Work with OSHA to provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to provide expertise in developing ways of communicating such information (e.g. print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools and OSHA’s and the AIHA’s Web sites) to employers and employees in the industry.

- Speak, exhibit, or appear at OSHA’s or AIHA’s conferences, local meetings, or other events.

- Promote and encourage AIHA members’ or worksites’ participation in OSHA’s cooperative programs such as compliance assistance, the Voluntary Protection Programs, and the Consultation Program and its Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program.

- Work with other Alliance participants on specific issues and projects on ergonomics and hazard communication that are addressed and developed through the Alliance Program.
OSHA and AIHA will work together to achieve the following goal related to promoting the national dialogue on workplace health and safety:

- Convene or participate in forums, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings on ergonomics and hazard communication issues to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on health and safety issues.

OSHA’s Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with OSHA for purposes such as training and education, outreach and communication and promoting a national dialogue on workplace health and safety. These Alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering into an Alliance with a party, OSHA is not endorsing any of that party’s products or services; nor does the Agency enter into an Alliance with the purpose of promoting a particular party’s products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of both organizations will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants. In addition, they will meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance. Team members will include representatives of OSHA’s Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs and any other appropriate offices. OSHA will encourage State Plan States’ and OSHA Consultation Projects’ participation on the team.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories.

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