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Contractor's Alert!

OSHA-10 AND 30 TRAINING COURSES

To enhance safety in the construction workplace, the 2009 Nevada Legislature enacted Assembly Bill Number 148 that requires workers to complete an Occupational Safety and Health Administration "OSHA" 10 Hour safety course and supervisors to complete a 30-Hour OSHA Training course no later than 15 days after being hired. **The measure takes effect Jan. 1, 2010.** Once the courses are completed, the construction worker will receive a "completion card" that must be presented to the employer. The "completion card" is valid for five (5) years.

OSHA's 10-hour construction course is an introduction to OSHA and its Construction Standards, covering several subparts of the standard with emphasis on Nevada enforcement activities. OSHA's 30-hour supervisor training provides training in OSHA's Construction Standards, and is an expanded version of the 10-hour course.

Both training courses emphasize construction safety, health hazard recognition and prevention standards developed by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the United States Department of Labor.

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The State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry's Division of Industrial Relations is responsible for approving the OSHA-10 and OSHA-30 courses. Federal OSHA training guidelines that parallel Nevada's requirements are available at the OSHA public website at: www.osha.gov

OSHA-10 and OSHA-30 courses are offered by numerous organizations including Associated Builders and Contractors; Associated General Contractors in Southern Nevada and Construction Training Center in Northern Nevada as well as the Safety Consultation and Training Section (SCATS) of the Department of Business and Industry. In addition, the College of Southern Nevada and Truckee Meadows Community College offer courses and some on-line courses are available.

For more information concerning the new requirements, the following websites may be helpful: The Safety Consultation and Training Section (SCATS) website <http://www.nv1030.org/main.asp?pID=1>; the College of Southern Nevada, <http://www.csn.edu/workforce/index.asp>, and Truckee Meadows Community College, <http://www.tmcc.edu/WDCE/ISRCC/>.

The Department of Business and Industry's Division of Industrial Relations may be reached at the following telephone numbers: in Southern Nevada (702) 486-9140; in Northern Nevada (775) 824-4630 and in Northeastern Nevada (Elko) 775-778-3312.

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