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ONTARIO MINISTRY OF LABOUR (MOL) UPDATES

1) WORKING AT HEIGHTS TRAINING

2) MINISTRY OF LABOUR SAFE AT WORK

STRATEGIC CONSULTATIONS

BCA of Ontario Contractor:

Working at Heights Training

To improve the quality and consistency of training on construction projects, the Ministry of Labour, Chief Prevention Officer (CPO) has established the Working at Heights Training Program and Provider Standards.

As of April 1, 2015, new regulatory requirements in O. Reg. 297/13 (Occupational Health and Safety Training and Awareness) will require that employers ensure workers who use specified fall protection equipment on construction projects successfully complete a CPO approved working at heights training program delivered by a CPO approved training provider.

Workers already trained under the current fall protection training requirements set out in section 26.2 of O. Reg. 213/91 (Construction Projects) before April 1, 2015 have an additional two years to get trained under the new requirements.

The Ministry of Labour will start accepting applications from training providers on January 5, 2015.

Training standards, and other resources for training providers are available on the ministry website, <http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/hs/topics/heights.php>

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Date: December 5, 2014

Dear Stakeholder:

The Ministry of Labour is extending an invitation to participate in our annual Safe At Work Ontario strategic consultations taking place across the province in January 2015. The purpose of the sessions is to obtain input from stakeholders on how the Ministry can improve its efforts in preventing injuries and illnesses and enhance its occupational health and safety enforcement strategy.

To that end, the Ministry of Labour will be meeting with representatives from employers, labour, small businesses and vulnerable worker interest groups. Participants will be provided the opportunity to provide input on how Ontario's occupational health and safety enforcement strategy and prevention services can work to optimize workplace health, safety and fairness. These discussions will give you the opportunity to provide feedback on issues spanning the full spectrum of health and safety, from program development to education to compliance.

We hope you will accept this invitation to be part of this new way forward and participate in our dialogue. Below is a list of sessions that will be taking place in Mississauga, Ontario. Participation is by registration only as space is limited.

To register, RSVP by December 19, 2014 by emailing us at:
SAWOConsultations@Ontario.ca.

Please let us know which session you are attending and how many seats you would like to reserve.

Date	Time	Stakeholder Group
Jan 14, 2015	10:00 – 12:00	Public Sector/Health Care (Employer)
Jan 14, 2015	2:00 – 4:00	Public Sector/Health Care (Union)
Jan 15, 2015	10:00 – 12:00	Construction (Employer/Union)
Jan 15, 2015	2:00 – 4:00	Industrial (Employer/Union)
Jan 26, 2015	7:30 – 9:30	Small Business
Jan 26, 2015	10:00 – 12:00	Vulnerable Worker

If you require additional information or would like to know about session in other areas of the Province, please contact us at SAWOC consultations@Ontario.ca.

Ensuring continued engagement with our stakeholders is vital to the success and improvement of workplace health and safety culture in Ontario.

Sincerely,



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