



Workplace Safety Best Practices Conference Announced for January

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Edwardsville, Illinois – The Southern Illinois Occupational Safety and Health (SIOSH) and SAFETYCON gathering will be held on January 22, 2018, at the Morris University Center at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. The conference strives to provide expert occupational safety and health management resources at an accessible cost for employers of all sizes and industries.

The conference offers breakout sessions and networking opportunities with speakers and vendors from industry, higher education and regulatory agencies. It is a relaxed environment to learn about best practices and ask questions of peers and compliance agents about how standards are practically applied.

Registration and details are available at www.imec.org/events. Individual registration is available for early bird pricing (\$75) through December 31, 2017. Interested resource partners may also register to participate in the vendor exhibition for \$250.

SIOSH/SAFETYCON presentations will include:

- Keynote Address delivered by the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration – Ken Atha, OSHA V Regional Administrator
- A Workplace Tragedy
- Emergency Medical Response Team – Development and Maintenance
- Excavation Awareness
- Fall Protection Awareness
- Falling Object Hazard Prevention, Control, and Mitigation
- Implementation of a Behavior Based Safety Program
- Lack of Attention to Equipment Testing & Inspection
- OSHA Perspective on Machine Guarding
- Silica Overview

The third annual SIOSH Governor's Award for Contributions in Safety and Health will also be announced. The Administration will honor two Illinois companies for its contributions and excellence in occupational safety and health in general industry and construction. The citizens of Illinois comprise a skilled workforce serving many world class industries. Businesses leading this charge are an asset in our communities. The SIOSH/SAFETYCON team welcomes the opportunity to acknowledge these contributions and thank the Governor's team for the recognition.

The conference is sponsored by Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Phillips 66 WRB Refining LP, and Prairie State Generating. Additional sponsorships are available by contacting SIBA at 618-624-9055.

Administrative support for SIOSH/SAFETYCON is provided by the Southern Illinois Builders Association (SIBA), Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program (SICAP), OSHA, Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC), Council of Owners and Construction Associates (COCA, Inc.) and TekSolv.

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Southern Illinois Builders Association (SIBA)

The purpose of the Southern Illinois Builders Association is to advance the construction industry through strengthening our members by enabling them to do collectively what they cannot accomplish on their own. We offer a full range of services and programs to provide value to our members as “the voice of the construction industry in Southern Illinois”. <http://siba-agc.org/>

Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program (SICAP)

The Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program (SICAP) serves as the unifying force within the Southern Illinois construction industry and develops programs aimed at opportunities for the betterment of all aspects of the industry. <http://siba-agc.org/sicap.aspx>

Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center (IMEC)

IMEC was established in 1996 with the goal of improving the productivity and competitiveness of Illinois’ small and mid-sized manufacturing firms. A non-profit economic development organization, IMEC is funded in part by the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and through fees paid by Illinois manufacturers for IMEC’s services. IMEC has 11 offices statewide and 40 full-time manufacturing improvement specialists. <http://www.imec.org/>

Council of Owners and Construction Associates (COCA)

The Council of Owners and Construction Associates, Inc. is a local Construction Users Council serving the Metro-East area of Southwestern Illinois, and is affiliated with the Construction Users Roundtable (CURT). The primary purpose of COCA is to increase safety awareness; and the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the Construction Industry. <http://cocainc.org/>

TekSolv

TekSolv/American Allied Safety Council offers a wide range of comprehensive professional service solutions for an array of industrial markets. Focusing on safety and training services, systems integration and oilfield automation services, engineering consulting, and environmental and occupational health services, TekSolv offers a complete solution. <http://www.teksolv.com/>

Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)

The Occupational Safety & Health Administration’s Fairview Heights Area Office within Region V holds jurisdiction over the bottom 39 counties in Illinois. The mission of OSHA is to assure safe and healthful working conditions. <http://osha.gov/>