

**Agreement establishing an Alliance
Between
Department of Consumer and Business Services
Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division**

And

**Mt. Hood Community College
Environmental Health & Safety Program**

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Background:

Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC), located in the greater metropolitan Portland area, is one of the few Oregon institutions of higher education to offer a degree related to workplace health and safety. The Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division (OR-OSHA) administers a federally approved state plan in accordance with Section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. These two governmental entities have come together in a dedicated and deliberate effort to promote and enhance workplace safety and health in the State of Oregon.

For many years MHCC and OR-OSHA have dedicated much time and energy toward educating workers, employers, and others on the principles and practices of occupational safety and health. Building upon a long-term relationship, MHCC and OR-OSHA have determined that formalizing the relationship in the form of an alliance will significantly enhance the efforts of both

organizations. Formalizing the relationship will enable both organizations to leverage the resources of the other, therefore becoming more efficient and effective in the process.

Purpose and Scope of Alliance:

This alliance will provide the partners with opportunities to jointly promote improved workplace safety and health in the State of Oregon by:

- Collaborating on the development of a Health and Safety Instructional Center within the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Program at MHCC;
- Enabling OR-OSHA to use state-of-the-art MHCC campus instructional facilities to conduct health and safety educational workshops for employers, employees, business and organized labor;
- Enabling OR-OSHA to promote its health and safety educational workshops through the MHCC/EHS course catalog and Internet web site;
- Enabling attendees of OR-OSHA educational workshops to obtain college credits toward an Associate Degree within the EHS Program at MHCC.

Alliance Outcome Goals:

The objective of this alliance is to promote improved workplace safety and health in Oregon through occupational health and safety training and education, This will be accomplished by achieving the following goals:

Goal 1: The establishment of an Occupational Health and Safety Instructional Center within MHCC's EHS Program. The Instructional Center will be a distinct entity within the EHS Program. It will facilitate the delivery of OR-OSHA educational workshops on MHCC campuses, function as a clearinghouse for distributing occupational safety and health materials published by OR-OSHA and promote OR-OSHA educational workshops in the college catalog and on the Internet.

Intended audience:

Workers, employers, union officials and members, employer trade association staff and members.

Anticipated outcomes:

- The Occupational Safety and Health Instruction Center is established.
- Educational workshops are actively promoted by MHCC.
- Educational workshops are well attended.

Goal 2: The establishment of a system by MHCC that will enable OR-OSHA workshop attendees to obtain college credit toward an Associate Degree in the EHS program. The system will acknowledge OR-OSHA workshops as college level coursework and track hours accumulated by workshop attendees interested in obtaining a degree from MHCC. OR-OSHA will retain sole authority over the content of educational materials and workshops.

Intended audience:

Workers, employers, union officials and members, employer trade association staff and members.

Anticipated outcomes:

- OR-OSHA educational workshops assigned college credits by MHCC.
- College credit tracking system implemented by the EHS Program at MHCC.

Goal 3: The establishment of a scheduling process enabling OR-OSHA to conduct educational workshops at MHCC facilities.

Intended audience:


Workers, employers, union officials and members, employer trade association staff and members.

Anticipated outcomes:

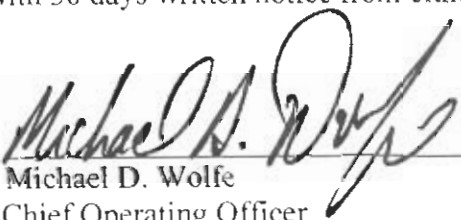
- The number of educational facilities available to OR-OSHA for conducting safety and health workshops will increase.
- Use of the MHCC educational facilities is at no cost to OR-OSHA. The division will reduce its costs for educational facilities in the greater metropolitan Portland area.

Duration of agreement:

The agreement will remain in effect for three years from the date of signing, and will renew annually thereafter. This agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories and may be terminated for any reason with 30 days written notice from either signatory.



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