

Pre-Planning for Safety

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Member Business Profile

Another member success story comes from a Special Trades Trust Member from the Fulton Oswego area who is a general contractor. They are a non union contractor who has built up their construction business due to hard work and attention to the safety pre-planning process.

The owners attention to detail has been a major factor in the company's success. The President of the Company, started this business many years ago and has relied upon safety "Best Practices" to help overcome everyday business problems and building up his business reputation for many years. His sons have followed in his footsteps learning the business as they grew up. They are both key members of management and the safety process.

Action Taken

Best Practices are terms applied to planning safe work practices as part of the daily operations. This particular contractor has been doing this for years. This sets their company apart from others.

One example of this is how they maximized use of their maintenance shop. They made time to carefully set up and build their oxygen acetylene cutting torch cart area. They also have torch parts storage in a cabinet above the torch area.



Another good example of how this is done is the thought and time that went into building a waist high work platform. This work platform is built with 1 inch steel plating and substantial support legs.

The Member uses an overhead crane to set their track hoe bucket on this platform. Their maintenance person can comfortably weld the new bucket teeth in place.



Very good work area set – up.

Changes That Resulted

The impact of these excellent ideas is that it allows The Company to better serve their customers with less down time and greater efficiency.

The project owners know that safety is incorporated into each job that is bid. This step by step safety management process has the flexibility to apply it to design changes experienced during construction. That is why this Contractor is consistently asked to bid on additional projects as the work progresses due to their efficiency and consistent safety "best practices".

Their low losses are a result of this safety practice that also keeps contribution and claim costs for to a minimum making them more competitive.

With more effective loss controls in place - more company funds are available for new equipment and larger office facilities.

Safety does pay...