

Tap Into Special Trades Safety Tools

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BACKGROUND AND BUSINESS ISSUE

All contractors have a need for safety programs, safety training, and safety meetings. As a Special Trades Member several contractors have used our on line safety library to improve their safety on the jobs. Here are some recent examples. Your company has access to this information as a member too.

ACTIONS TAKEN

An electrical contractor member recently was awarded a water treatment plant job. **The project owner required a written safety program.** The Vice President of the Electrical Contractor asked us to provide them with a safety program that could be adopted to fit their company needs. We provided them a guide that can be easily customized to their operations. The Vice President of the Company agreed to complete the mission statement and adopt this program for use throughout his company. Once they adopt this program it can be used for training and in the bid packages for other projects. Many municipal projects require this as part of the bid.

An excavation contractor and a steel rigging contractor member were both looking for **OSHA 10 hour on line training.** We provided them with several options they could research and choose from through our website affiliations. Both members indicated that this will improve their safety training and save them a lot of research time. The cost of these OSHA on-line courses are much less than what they had been paying.

An OSHA 10 or 30 Hour completion certificate is provided for each employee completing the course. Many owners now require this training before bids are awarded.

GOOD RESULTS

A commercial building contractor member looking for ways to improve safety and reduce costs tapped into our services by **downloading over 200 safety meetings that are available to members** on our website. To purchase these meetings from an outside source would cost approximately \$250.00 per year.

This contractor also **downloaded job site safety posters that are required on each job.** By downloading these posters, the member saves approximately \$40.00 per job.

A flatwork concrete contractor was looking for safety meetings that also include Spanish versions. We directed them to the NYCM website where **the Special Trades Toolbox Safety Meetings are available in both English and Spanish.** This member was appreciative and impressed with this member benefit. They implemented the use of these meetings immediately.

Does your company want to tap into these Special Trades Trust member provided resources? I certainly would.

Contact Mr. Mark Balduzzi at NYCM Special Trades Trust for assistance in setting up an on site consultation to determine the safety tools your member company can access and implement as needed. Mark's email is mbalduzzi@workerscomp.com. His telephone number is 315 – 699 - 8475.

