



**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN  
THE MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BRIDGE, STRUCTURAL,  
ORNAMENTAL AND REINFORCING IRON WORKERS**

The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers (Iron Workers Union) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful working conditions at the Nation's mining operations.

MSHA and the Iron Workers Union hereby renew their Alliance to provide iron workers and miners with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help protect the health and safety of those working at mines.

MSHA and the Iron Workers Union will work together to achieve the following education and training goals to improve worker health and safety:

- Provide information, education and training, and technical assistance to help prevent injuries and illnesses and protect worker safety and health;
- Collaboration on emergency response, rescue and recovery techniques for construction and demolition sites;
- Perform worker injury and illness case studies to identify hazardous safety and health conditions and practices;
- Develop training programs for working on or near mine construction projects; and
- Develop and share best practices and effective approaches to improve safety and health on and near mine construction projects.

MSHA and the Iron Workers Union will strive to achieve the following outreach and communications goals:

- Develop and disseminate information on worker safety and health issues at conferences, events or through print and electronic media, including links from MSHA's and Iron Workers Union's web sites;

- Proactively address worker safety and health issues by speaking, exhibiting, presenting at conferences, meetings and other events;
- Raise awareness and demonstrate commitment to worker safety and health whenever MSHA or Iron Workers Union leaders address groups;
- Convene or participate in forums, round table discussions, or stakeholder meetings to forge innovative solutions to worker health and safety issues; and
- Publicize the results of worker injury and illness case studies through print, electronic media, promotion at conferences, or other means of outreach.

A team made up of representatives of both organizations will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the participants.

The Iron Workers Union is authorized, with the concurrence of MSHA, to use the MSHA Alliance logo on documents, web pages, or other products related to or created under the Alliance for as long as the Alliance remains in effect and according to MSHA's "Guidance on the Use of the Alliance Logo." The logo must not be used for fundraising or lobbying efforts or to imply that MSHA endorses a particular entity or its actions or products.

Nothing in this Alliance shall limit, supersede, or otherwise affect MSHA's normal operations or decisions in carrying out its statutory or regulatory duties. This Alliance does not limit or restrict the parties from participating in similar activities or arrangements with other entities. This Alliance also does not limit or restrict the parties from taking any other action necessary.

Unless otherwise extended, this agreement will remain in effect until December 31, 2014. Either signatory may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the concurrence of both signatories.



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Date January 9, 2012



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