AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE

BETWEEN

ATLANTA-EAST, ATLANTA-WEST AND SAVANNAH, GA, AREA OFFICES

OF THE

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

GEORGIA TECH ENTERPRISE INNOVATION INSTITUTE – SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES GROUP

AND

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DIVISION OF HEALTH PROTECTION, EPIDEMIOLOGY OFFICE

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Atlanta East, Atlanta West and Savannah, Georgia, Area Offices, the Georgia Tech Enterprise Innovation Institute – Safety, Health and Environment Services Group (Georgia Tech), and the Georgia Department of Public Health, Division of Health Protection, Epidemiology Office (DPH) (hereafter the parties shall be referred to as the Georgia Adult Blood Lead Reduction Alliance or the Alliance) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to foster safer and more healthful American workplaces. To that end, OSHA and the Georgia Adult Blood Lead Reduction Alliance hereby form an Alliance to provide members and others with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect the health and safety of workers, particularly by reducing and preventing exposure to lead hazards in both general and construction industries. Emphasis will be placed on effectively communicating these issues to hard-to-reach workers. The Alliance will also enhance the understanding of workers’ rights and the responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act).
This agreement provides a framework and objectives for the Alliance's activities. Alliance participants may summarize specific activities and timeframes for completion in a written work plan.

Through the Alliance, the organizations will use relevant injury, illness, and hazard exposure data when appropriate to help identify areas of emphasis for Alliance awareness, outreach, and communication activities. The Alliance will also explore and implement selected options to evaluate the effectiveness of the Alliance and measure the impact of its overall effort on improving workplace safety for employers and workers. In developing this Alliance, OSHA and the other Georgia Adult Blood Lead Reduction Alliance members recognize that OSHA's State Plan and On-site Consultation Project partners are an integral part of the OSHA national effort to reduce lead hazards, and that information about the products and activities of the Alliance may be shared with these partners for the advancement of common goals.

**Training and Education**

The Alliance Participants intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goals:

- To develop effective training and education programs for both general and construction industries regarding workers exposure to lead in the workplace, and communicate such information to constituent employers and workers.

- To deliver or arrange for the delivery of lead exposure prevention training courses.

**Outreach and Communication**

The Alliance Participants intend to work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goal:

- To develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to develop ways of communicating such information (e.g., print and electronic assistance tools, and OSHA’s, Georgia Tech’s and DPH’s web sites) to employers and workers in both general and construction industries.

- To speak, exhibit, and/or appear at OSHA’s, Georgia Tech’s or DPH’s conferences, local meetings, or other lead prevention events.

OSHA’s Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with OSHA for purposes such as raising awareness of OSHA’s rulemaking and enforcement initiatives, training and education, and outreach and communication. These Alliances have proved to be valuable tools for both OSHA and its Alliance participants. By entering into an Alliance with a party, OSHA is not nor does it intend to endorse or promote any of that party’s products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of each Alliance Participant’s organization will meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and
responsibilities of the participants. In addition, they will meet at least two times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance. OSHA team members will include representatives of the OSHA’s local and regional offices that are a signatory to the Alliance agreement and any other appropriate offices. OSHA will encourage State Plan States’ and OSHA On-site Consultation Projects’ participation on the team.

This agreement will remain in effect for a period not to exceed two years. Any party may terminate it for any reason at any time, provided they give 30-day written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the written concurrence of all signatories.

Signed this 20 day of April, 2018

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