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## Olympic Decision Date Draws Nears

As the October 2 decision date draws near, the Build for 2016 committee has been busy organizing and adding new members.

On June 4, 2009, the Build for 2016 committee sponsored a breakfast meeting for prospective members at the Renaissance Hotel in Rosemont. Over 100 people came out to here a speech from Chicago2016 President, Lori Healey, regarding Chicago's proposal and opportunities to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games. Lori highlighted some critical upcoming dates.

On August 12, Chicago2016 will host a fund raising reception and dinner at McCormick Place West in Chicago. The event will honor U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) Hall of Fame inductees. On September 2, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will release a report evaluating each candidate city. Then, during the week ending October 2, each candidate city team will travel to Copenhagen, Denmark to present their final proposal to the IOC before the October 2 decision is announced.

In celebration of the October 2 decision date, Build for 2016 will be hosting a luncheon reception with live simulcast coverage of the IOC announcement (10a.m. CST). The luncheon will again be held at the Renaissance Hotel in Rosemont and will include live entertainment.

Meanwhile, each of the Build for 2016 subcommittees have been meeting on a regular basis. The eight subcommittees are: Public/Private Projects, Diversity, Transportation/Infrastructure, Governance, Labor and Unions, Safety and Security, Permits and Contracts. For more information about these subcommittees, contact Ginny McFarland in the ASA Chicago office at 847-827-8336.

The Safety and Security subcommittee is up to nearly 50 members who meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Hillside office of the Construction Safety Council. The subcommittee has developed a proposal presentation on coordinating the Safety and Security efforts across all Chicago 2016 job sites. The proposal is intended to streamline and standardize the process in order to save time and money while minimizing accidents and injuries. To learn more about the Build for 2016 Safety and Security subcommittee or to get involved, please contact Ron Phillips of Aon Risk Services at 312-381-2755 or [ronald\\_phillips@ars.aon.com](mailto:ronald_phillips@ars.aon.com).

## 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Construction Safety Conference and Exposition

February 16-18, 2010  
Rosemont, IL

Plans have begun for the 20th Annual Construction Safety & Health Conference. It is our pleasure to invite you to submit a proposal for presenting at this premier event to be held once again in Rosemont, Illinois.

[Click here for more information](#)

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**Aug 6, 2009**

Fall Protection Safety for the Competent Person

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## U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA proposes approval of Illinois state public employee protection plan

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced recently the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking in today's Federal Register to approve a new Illinois state public employee protection plan.

Illinois has applied for approval to develop a public employee-only occupational safety and health program to be administered by the Illinois Department of Labor. The Federal Register notice provides a 30-day comment period and offers an opportunity to request an informal public hearing.

If the plan is approved, Illinois will become the fourth state, along with Connecticut, New Jersey and New York, to operate a safety and health program specifically for public employees. The Virgin Islands also operates a public employee safety and health program. An additional 21 states and Puerto Rico have programs that cover both public and private sector workplaces.

"The Illinois Department of Labor is to be commended for taking this step forward to provide protection for its public sector workers," said acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA Jordan Barab. "This should serve as a model for other states that are interested in maintaining the safety and health of their public workforces."

The plan, if approved, will cover more than 1 million public workers, including approximately 161,200 state government workers and roughly 690,000 municipal workers, along with workers in the public education sector. Private sector workers will remain under the jurisdiction of federal OSHA.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 at 29 CFR Part 1956 allows states and territories to establish plans that cover only state and local government employees, who are excluded from federal coverage. Once a state plan is approved, federal OSHA funds up to 50 percent of the program's operating costs.

To be eligible for initial (developmental) approval as a public employee-only state plan, a state must be able to operate an occupational safety and health program that is, or will be, at least as effective as the federal program.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, OSHA's role is to promote safe and healthful working conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, outreach and education. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

### 145 Hour Construction Safety Administrator Certificate Course



December 8, 2009 – May 20, 2010  
6-9 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday

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## OSHA's Role in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need. OSHA's role is to ensure that worker protection laws are enforced as recovery infrastructure investments are carried out. OSHA carries out this responsibility through enforcement of its standards, providing free consultation services to small employers, and outreach to employees and employers regarding hazard awareness and worker protection in affected industries and job classifications. Highlights of these efforts are available through the colored recovery buttons above and more complete information is readily available from the [OSHA home web page](#).

### *OSHA's Enforcement Role*

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), hundreds of billions of federal dollars will be disseminated to employers across the country for various infrastructure and industrial growth projects. These will include major construction activity as well as the development and expansion of existing and new technologies. OSHA will implement a multi-tiered enforcement program to assure worker protection on ARRA-related projects. Through the development and implementation of emphasis programs, OSHA will direct enforcement efforts to stimulus package-related construction, infrastructure, and green energy projects, as well as to industries in manufacturing that support those projects.

### *What's New:*

OSHA will rely heavily on new and existing [Local Emphasis Programs \(LEPs\)](#) to protect workers on ARRA-related projects.

State Plan States will also target ARRA-related projects

Hilda, L. Solis, U.S. Secretary of Labor, [spoke about OSHA and its role in protecting workers on stimulus-related projects](#) during a groundbreaking ceremony for the National Labor College's Workers Memorial on Tuesday, April 28, 2009.

Beginning in May 2009, OSHA will begin collecting injury and illness data from approximately 20,000 construction firms in order to focus its resources on the areas of greatest need. This is an expansion of OSHA's Data Initiative, which collects injury and illness data for general industry.

### *Enforcement Resource Links*

[How to File a Complaint with OSHA](#)

[Construction Industry Compliance Information](#)

[Federal Agency Programs](#)

[State Occupational Safety and Health Plans](#)

[Enforcement Data](#)

[Letters of Interpretation](#)

[Directives](#)



The Challenge Pilot Program has been designed by the Occupational Health & Safety Administration to meet the needs of employers wanting to improve their safety and health management systems and expedite their effort to attain VPP status by providing a “roadmap” to guide them through the process. The “roadmap” refers to the defined set of Challenge stages that Challenge Participants progress through. Employers will receive recognition from OSHA for incremental progress while formalizing procedures and methods currently used by many corporations that have multiple VPP sites.

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### SC&RA Crane & Rigging Workshop Set for September 17-19 in Milwaukee

(FAIRFAX, Va.) June 12, 2009—More than 400 attendees from around the world are expected at the Crane & Rigging Workshop to be held by the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA), September 17-19 at The Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, Wis. Workshop sessions will feature some of the industry's top professionals, including, in order of appearance:

- *Remember Charlie*—In this moving Opening Session presentation, Charles T. Morecraft will trace his journey from death's door following a refinery explosion to his position as a leading advocate on following safety procedures precisely.
- *Sign of the Times: Is Your Signal Person Qualified*—Larry DeMark, Sr., Equipment Leasing Solutions, LLC, will explain the elements required by new requirements in ASME B30.5-2004, including training that specifically addresses hand and voice signals, crane limitations, and operating characteristics.

*2009 Rigging Jobs of the Year*—Eduardo Ascione, Fagioli, will summarize a three-year project that involved moving, lifting and installing more than 400 modules with weights up to 4,000 tons for the first offshore liquefied natural gas regasification project. Peter Fitton, Process Group, Inc., will cover the rigging and removal of a ball mill weighing over 920,000 pounds. And Christopher Brown, Bechtel Equipment Operations, will discuss the installation of four feed-water pumps at Wisconsin's Oak Creek power plant.

- *Alternative Lifting Methods: Not Just Cranes Anymore*—David Duerr, P.E., 2DM Associates, Inc., will examine alternative lifting devices such as air hoists, telescopic hydraulic gantry systems and tower lifting systems.
- *S.T.A.R.T. a Safety Culture*—Terry Young, Construction Safety Experts, Inc., will focus on accountability and accident reduction techniques supervisors and employees can implement to create a safety culture.
- *Industry Updates*—Joel Oliva, NCCCCO, will provide an update on current and future programs under development, and Doug Ball, SC&RA, will highlight existing state permitting rules and their impact on the movement of mobile cranes on public roads.
- *Weather Alert: The Impact of Inclement Weather on Your Jobsite*—Speaker to be announced. This session will address common oversights in

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preparing for inclement weather which could cause damage to your equipment and create a hazardous working environment for employees.

Additionally, Workshop registration will include meetings of the SC&RA Crane & Rigging Group's Safety Education & Training Committee, Labor Committee, and Governing Committee; an Exhibit Center that features products and services from 46 companies, a complimentary hot buffet lunch, and a Grand Prize Drawing; and receptions, continental breakfasts, and refreshment breaks.

Opposite the committee meetings will be a session, *From Soup to Nuts: The How To of CCO Testing*, presented by Graham Brent and Joel Oliva, the National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO), and Dr. Anthony Mitchell, International Assessment Institute. They will discuss how companies can become more involved in testing developed by NCCCO.

The Workshop will conclude with a tour of the Manitowoc Cranes facility on Saturday, September 19, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. All Workshop attendees are invited to travel by chartered bus to Manitowoc, Wis. for an in-depth tour of the crawler crane factory, a demonstration of their industry-leading telematics tool, CraneSTAR, and a special presentation of Manitowoc's largest and most innovative crane yet, the 31000.

Visit [www.scranet.org/events](http://www.scranet.org/events) and click on the "Crane & Rigging Workshop" link to review the program, learn more about the hotel, print out a room reservation form, and register as an attendee or exhibitor. Or call SC&RA at (703) 698-0291 for additional information.

SC&RA is an international trade association of more than 1,300 members from 43 nations. Members are involved in specialized transportation, machinery moving and erecting, industrial maintenance, millwrighting and crane and rigging operations, manufacturing and rental. SC&RA helps members run more efficient and safer businesses by monitoring and affecting pending legislation and regulatory policies at the state and national levels; researching and reporting on safety concerns and best business practices, and providing four yearly forums where these and other relevant member issues can be advanced.

