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New NYSDOL Asbestos Rule

The New York State Department of Labor, as of January 11, 2006, promulgated the revised Code Rule 56 Asbestos regulation. The revised rule contains multiple references to new and expanded training requirements for all employees who may be exposed to asbestos. The revised rule specifically includes Allied Trades people - those craft workers who perform any limited or special tasks in preparation for, or ancillary to, an asbestos project - such as carpenter, plumber, electrician, etc. - those who may potentially disturb asbestos in the course of their work. Allied trades craft workers must possess a valid restricted asbestos handler (Allied Trades) certificate in their possession at all times while working on the applicable project. Proof of training and a photo identification must be presented upon demand by the NYSDOL.

ABC's Construction Training Centers will keep you posted as to where and when ABC will offer the Allied Trades Asbestos Handler course for your employees in NYS - in time for your employees to be in full compliance! The amended Code Rule will become effective on September 5, 2006 at which time it will be enforced by the NYSDOL exclusively.

For more information, log on to http://www.labor.state.ny.us/DOSH_CODE_RULE_56_TRANSITION.shtm, or contact ABC at 800-696-2237

Apprenticeship Requirements....will you be ready?

- New owner imposed apprenticeship requirements continue expand around the state. Apprenticeship requirements for construction contracts have been introduced for the Rochester City School District.
- Much to our surprise in June 2005, the Rochester City School Board passed Resolution No 2004-05 871 to "contribute to the education, skill development and future preparation of City School District students for the world of work, as well as the overall economic development of the City of Rochester". The resolution calls for regulations to establish criteria for construction contracts which involve design, construction reconstruction, improvement, rehabilitation, maintenance, repair, furnishing, equipping for any building, facility or physical structure of any kind with a value in excess of \$250,000. The criteria which requires contractors and subcontractors to have apprenticeship agreements appropriate to the type and scope of work to be performed which have been registered with and approved by the New York State Department of Labor will apply to the 10 year Capital Improvement/Modernization Plan (estimated value \$880 million).
- ABC provided significant input late last month, and was instrumental in securing a six month delay of enforcement. ABC as a stakeholder has been invited to participate in the discussion that defines the specific criteria for construction contracts with the Rochester City School District. The resolution, however, was passed - and Rochester area contractors, who rely on public school construction contracts, need to make a commitment to apprenticeship.
- ABC is hosting a meeting on April 4 to review apprenticeship program obligations and the application process. Call ABC for more information.

* Apprenticeship Compliance...your apprentice(s) must complete their blue book- and it is the employers' obligation to be sure that the apprentice is getting the full rotation of tasks as outlined for "on the job training". The NYSDOL is concerned that all apprentices are provided the full training program as agreed. If you have questions, contact ABC.

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