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Contractor Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO)

The 15 September 2008 Safety Manual (yellow book) is now in effect for most new contracts and government operations. Please note the changes for Contractor Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO) as stated below.

01.A.17 Site Safety and Health Officer (SSHO). The Contractor shall employ a minimum of one Competent Person at each project site to function as the SSHO, depending on job complexity, size and any other pertinent factors.

a. The SSHO shall be a full-time responsibility unless specified differently in the contract. The SSHO shall report to a senior project (or corporate) official.

b. The SSHO(s), as a minimum, must have completed the 30-hour OSHA Construction safety class or as an equivalent, 30 hours of formal construction safety and health training covering the subjects of the OSHA 30-hour course (see Appendix A, paragraph 4.b) applicable to the work to be performed and given by qualified instructors. **> If the SSHO has the permitted equivalent training, he is also required to have five (5) years of construction industry safety experience or three (3) years if he possesses a Certified Safety Professional (CSP) or safety and health degree.**

c. An SSHO (or a Designated Representative, as identified in the APP/AHA and as deemed appropriate/equivalent to SSHO by the GDA) shall be on-site at all times when work is being performed.

d. The SSHO shall be responsible for managing, implementing and enforcing the Contractor's Safety and Health Program in accordance with the accepted APP.

e. SSHOs shall maintain this competency through 24 hours of formal safety and health related coursework every four (4) years.

> For limited service contracts, for example, mowing (only), park attendants, rest room cleaning, the Contracting Officer and Safety Office may modify SSHO requirements and waive the more stringent elements of this section.

> See Appendix A, paragraphs 4 and 11.

> For complex or high hazard projects, the SSHO shall have a minimum of ten (10) years of safety-related work with at least five (5) years experience on similar type projects.

