

**AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE
BETWEEN
THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
AND
FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Forging Industry Association (FIA) recognize the value of establishing a collaborative relationship to promote and cultivate safer and more healthful American workplaces. FIA and OSHA hereby form an Alliance to provide FIA members and others in the forging industry, including small businesses, with information, guidance, and access to training resources that will help them protect employees' health and safety. In particular, the Alliance will address issues associated with ergonomics and machine guarding, including the prevention of amputations that may be experienced by employees in the forging industry. In developing this Alliance, OSHA and FIA recognize that OSHA's State Plan and Consultation Project partners are an integral part of the OSHA national effort.

FIA and OSHA will work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- Work with OSHA to provide expertise in developing information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to provide expertise in developing ways of communicating such information (e.g. print and electronic media, electronic assistance - tools and OSHA's and FIA's Web sites) to employers and employees in the industry.
- Speak, exhibit, or appear at OSHA's or FIA's conferences, local meetings, or other events such as FIA's Fall and Annual Meeting of Members.
- Share information among OSHA personnel and forging industry safety and health professionals regarding FIA's best practices and publicize results through outreach by FIA and through OSHA or FIA developed materials, training programs, workshops, seminars, and lectures (or any other applicable forum).
- Promote the benefits of the forging industry participating in OSHA's cooperative programs such as Compliance Assistance, the Voluntary Protection Programs, Consultation and its Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program.

OSHA and the Forging Industry Association will work together to achieve the following goal related to promoting the national dialogue on workplace safety and health:

- Convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on forging industry issues to help create innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues.

OSHA's Alliances provide parties an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with OSHA for purposes such as education, outreach and communication and promoting a national dialogue on workplace safety and health. 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 endorsing any of that party's products or services; nor does the Agency enter into an Alliance with the purpose of promoting a particular party's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives from both organizations 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 three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance. Team members will include representatives of OSHA's Directorate of Cooperative and State Programs and safety professionals from or representing the forging industry. Additional team members may be brought in from either group as needed to assist with technical matters. OSHA will encourage State Plan States' and OSHA Consultation Projects' participation on the team.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years. Any 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 the signatories.

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