



**Agreement establishing an Alliance between the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry
Virginia Occupational Safety and Health program and the National Electrical Contractors
Association Washington, D.C. Chapter/IBEW Local Union 26**

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's (DOLI) Virginia Occupational Safety and Health program (VOSH), the National Electrical Contractors Association Washington, D.C. Chapter (DC NECA), and the IBEW Local Union 26 recognize the value of integrating occupational safety and health into worksite operations and driving towards an injury-free culture by establishing a collaborative relationship. To that end, VOSH and the DC NECA/IBEW Local 26 hereby form an Alliance to provide DC NECA/IBEW Local 26's members and the public with information, guidance, and access to resources that will help them protect workers. In particular, the Alliance will focus on reducing and preventing exposure to electrical hazards; addressing safety programs including hazard recognition and control; injury and illness prevention; and enhancing safety training for the benefit of employers and employees in the field.

This agreement provides a framework and objectives for the Alliance's activities. Alliance participants also agree to meet the requirements for program participation laid out in the "Fundamental Requirements for VOSH Alliance Program Participants" and the "Guidelines for VOSH's Alliance Program Participants: Alliance Products and Other Alliance Projects", available for reference in the VOSH Program Directive for the VOSH Alliance Program.

Through the Alliance, the organizations will use available 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 tools, including but not limited to member surveys, to evaluate the Alliance and measure the impact on improving workplace safety and health. In developing this Alliance, VOSH and the DC NECA/IBEW LOCAL 26 recognize that VOSH's Consultation Services Program and Voluntary Protection Program partners are an integral part of the VOSH statewide effort, and that information about the products and activities of the Alliance may be shared with these partners for the advancement of common goals.

Electrical Hazard Injury Prevention

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following objectives :

- Establish a standardized and efficient communication protocol for sharing injury data between the organizations, ensuring accuracy, timeliness, and comprehensibility to support collaborative efforts in injury prevention.

Subject Matter Expertise

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following objectives :

- To cultivate a team of highly knowledgeable and skilled electrical safety subject matter experts who can effectively identify, evaluate, and mitigate workplace electrical hazards. Subject matter experts will be designated from each organization who will serve as the point of contact for all electrical safety-related topics.
- Subject matter experts will convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on electrical safety to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues.

Training, Education, and Outreach

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following objectives:

- To create comprehensive, engaging, and up-to-date electrical safety training materials that cater to adult learning styles and varying levels of expertise.
- Ensure training materials/programs are made available in appropriate languages and formats to equitably meet the needs of their target audiences. Materials could include print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and information available on the VOSH and the DC NECA/IBEW LOCAL 26 websites.
- VOSH and DC NECA/IBEW LOCAL 26 agree to participate in conferences, local meetings, or other similar events held by either organization.
- VOSH and DC NECA/IBEW Local 26 will work cooperatively to provide each organization access to electrical safety training and education to include an annual VOSH update to DC NECA/IBEW Local 26 members, the use of facilities at the VOSH Institute for Learning and Outreach (VILO), and the use of the DC NECA/IBEW Local 26 mobile training unit.

VOSH's Alliances provide organizations an opportunity to participate in a voluntary cooperative relationship with VOSH for purposes such as raising awareness of VOSH's initiatives, outreach,

communication, training, and education. By entering into an Alliance with an organization, VOSH is not endorsing or promoting, nor does it intend to endorse or promote, any of that organization's products or services.

An implementation team made up of representatives of each organization will meet annually to discuss the responsibilities of the participants, to share information on activities, and to track results in achieving the goals of the Alliance.

This agreement will remain in effect for two years with the option to extend the alliance period upon agreement between both organizations. Either signatory may terminate their organization's participation in the agreement for any reason at any time, provided they give 30 days written notice. This agreement may be modified at any time with the written concurrence of all signatories.



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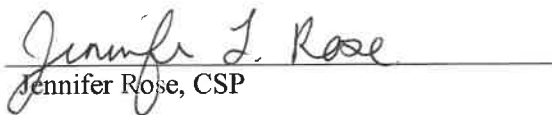
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