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## **Idaho AGC Launches Safety Initiative**

*Will Make Safety Training Available to Idaho Construction Workers at Deeply Discounted Rates in an Effort to Make Idaho a Safer Place to Work*

(Boise) State safety officials joined leaders of the Idaho Associated General Contractors (AGC) today in announcing a major initiative to help make Idaho's construction sites safer. Key to the effort is to make essential safety training more accessible to Idaho's construction workers, giving them the tools necessary to avoid accidents and to minimize risk. The Idaho AGC hopes to accomplish this by making safety training available at deeply discounted rates in an effort to encourage more construction workers to receive the training.

"With all the construction going on across the state, Idaho continues to be among the nation's leaders when it comes to gains in construction employment," stated ESI Vice President of Operations and Idaho AGC President Joe Jackson. "With so many Idahoans finding employment in the construction trades, now is the time to ensure that they receive the life saving safety training necessary to make every Idaho construction site a safe place to work."

"The prime directive of our agency is to help ensure the safety of Idahoans," said Administrator C. Kelly Pearce of the Idaho Division of Building Safety. "We congratulate the Idaho AGC and fully support the organization's initiative to deliver quality safety training at such dramatically reduced costs," Pearce said. "We encourage contractors and workers alike to take full advantage of this unique opportunity."

According to Idaho AGC CEO Wayne Hammon, starting June 1, 2016, the Idaho AGC will provide employees of any AGC member firm a number of essential safety courses at an 85 percent discount when compared to the former rate. "A half-day first aid course will now cost only \$10 and the two-day OSHA 10-hour course is being offered for only \$25. Compared to the old rates of \$60 and \$165, respectively, construction firms will now be able to provide training to five times as many employees for the same cost." It is estimated that the discount will save Idaho construction firms approximately \$100,000 annually.

Founded in 1934, the Idaho AGC is the state's largest, longest serving, and most trusted commercial construction trade association with members in all of Idaho's 44 counties. Its almost 600 member companies build the industrial and commercial spaces where Idahoans work, play, learn, and worship each and every day along with the roads and bridges every Idahoan uses to travel, ship goods, and do business around the state.

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