

# Press Release

## 35 Local Construction Companies sign the ACI/OSHA Partnership

**Cincinnati, Ohio:** Mr. William Wilkerson, CIH, Area Director, Cincinnati Area OSHA Office, Terry Phillips, Acting Director, Allied Construction Industries (ACI), Sherry Leadbetter, CHST, ACI's Safety Manager, welcomed 35 local commercial construction companies for the signing of the historic OSHA/ACI Partnership.

The signing of this partnership agreement will allow ACI member companies to continue their relationship with OSHA and ensure the safety and health of construction workers in and around the Cincinnati area. The 35 ACI member companies included: cHc Fabricating, Dugan & Meyers Construction Co., Schumacher-Dugan, Specialty Interiors of Ohio, The Quandel Group, 3-hab, Beacon Electric, Monarch Construction, **Oswald Company**, Schoch Tile & Carpet, Safety Alliance, Holland Roofing, The Geiler Company, Prus Construction Company, Little Miami Construction Co., Denier Electric, The J.B. Schmitt Co., Inc., Concrete Coring Co. of Cincinnati, Ameridian Specialty Services, Pioneer Cladding & Glazing, Triton Services, Wm. Kramer & Son, Inc., Craftsman Electric, Foux Construction, Kramig, Reece-Campbell, Inc., McVey Demolition, Stephen Gross & Sons, A & A Wall Systems, Baker Concrete Construction, Valley Interior, Diversified Facility Solutions, Geiger Construction Products, Turnbull-Wahlert and Turner Construction Company.

"I want to thank the members of the Allied Construction Industries who are willing to enter into a partnership with us. This partnership reflects the continuing willingness of OSHA and ACI to work together with companies with good safety records and who are willing to take the extra step to make workplaces safer." Bill Wilkerson, Area Director Cincinnati Area OSHA Office.

Through its Strategic Partnership Program, OSHA works with employers, employees, professional and trade associations, labor organizations and other interested stakeholders to establish specific goals, strategies and performance measures to improve worker safety and health.

"Today's event signified ACI's continued recognition of the importance of worker safety and employee involvement in safety for our industry. We are so proud to have 35 member companies sign this partnership and solidify their emphasis on safety in the workplace and concern for their individual employees," stated Sherry Leadbetter, CHST, Safety Manager, Allied Construction Industries.

ACI was the first construction association to sign an OSHA Partnership in the Midwest. The first official signing was in February, 2000 and the partnership signed today was the fifth revision. The ACI/OSHA Partnership was initially based on employee training and it is worthy to note that during the 2009-2011 Partnership, there were 11,680 employees/supervisors trained resulting in 25,487 hours of safety training for those participants.

*Allied Construction Industries (ACI) is a not-for-profit trade association comprised of nearly 600 member companies in the non-residential/commercial construction industry for Southwest Ohio, Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky. Membership companies include Architectural/Engineering Firms, Developers, Construction Management Firms, General and Sub Contractors, Consultants, Material Suppliers and Service Providers. ACI, founded in 1929, is the oldest and largest trade association for non-residential construction in this region and provides member companies with a multitude of benefits and services.*