



## OSHA Region 6 Partners with Local Organizations to Host Houston Area Conference and Find Solid Safety Solutions



2016 OSHA Construction S&H Conference Outside Displays

**Houston (September 13-14, 2018)** Over the last decade, the construction industry has worked diligently to foster a strong safety culture on jobsites. As a result of the combined efforts of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Region 6, industry leaders, trade associations, and educators like The University of Texas at Arlington, we have seen more emphasis placed on safety training and employee well-being. While many safety initiatives have been positive and resulted in a safer workforce, other safety issues like caught-in or caught-between incidents are seeing an increase in worker deaths. With the common goal of fostering a safer and healthier

workplace, OSHA Region 6, The University of Texas at Arlington (UT Arlington) Safety and Health Program delegates, Construction Industry leaders, and other regulatory agency representatives are gathering at the 2<sup>nd</sup> biennial **OSHA Construction Safety & Health Conference at the Westchase Marriott in Houston, Texas**. The event will take place on **September 13-14, 2018**.

This two-day conference will provide an expected 500+ industry professionals with the opportunity for quality health and safety education, networking, and practical solutions. It will also serve as a forum, delivering over 40 diverse educational breakout sessions designed to inform participants of the latest industry techniques, trends, and new areas of research as well as four educational workshops. The exhibit hall will be focused on offering information to participants to interactively assist with reaching their organizational safety and health goals.

“My top priority is safety. Attending the Conference in 2016 was a great experience. It was the best conference I’d been to in my 38 years in the industry,” says Tommy Lee, Vice President of Safety at W.S. Bellows Construction Corporation.

With the overarching goal of reducing injuries and fatalities in the construction industry, OSHA officials and other national agencies will be in attendance to provide information and share their role in supporting the construction industry. Featured Keynote speakers and industry experts participating in this event include Carl Heinlein with American Contractors Insurance Group, Eric S. Harbin with the Department of Labor, Jim Maddux, previous director of OSHA’s Directorate of Construction, and Mitch Beckman with Webber.



2016 OSHA Construction S&H Conference Exhibit Hall



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The conference advisory board and related industry professionals have selected a series of six educational tracks related to Safety and Health in the construction industry: risk management, leadership, industrial/petrochemical, government, emerging issues, and specific target topics such as silica, crisis management, emergency response, fatality investigations, and crane utilization. Over 40 educational sessions will be offered.

Additionally, the conference features four pre-conference workshops on September 21, 2018. These **workshops are free with conference registration** - space is limited. Workshops include the following Safety and Health courses: OSHA #7300 Understanding OSHA's Permit-Required Confined Space Standard, OSHA #7405 Fall Hazard Awareness for the Construction Industry, SH #211 Overview of OSHA's New Silica Standard, and SH #420 Overview of Process Safety Management for Industrial Construction.

The Conference will be held on September 13-14, 2018 at the Marriott Westchase in Houston, Texas. For more information, visit [OshaCon.org](http://OshaCon.org).

