

## IHSA ready to support firms in new provincial safety program

### COR™ 2020 meets accreditation requirements

November 22, 2019 (TORONTO) The Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA) supports the announcement today by the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development (MOLTSD) and Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) of two new programs designed to support workplace health and safety.

*Supporting Ontario's Safe Employers* will formally recognize employers who successfully implement health and safety programs in their workplaces. The financial rewards will come in the form of WSIB rebates over a three-year period.

"We know that good health and safety practices save lives," said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development. "But they also save money. This program is a reflection of that fact. Our government wants to do everything it can to make workers safer and help businesses save money."

The WSIB is also building on the program by launching *Health and Safety Excellence*, a new program that will promote continual health and safety improvement in Ontario workplaces.

While the provincial program recognizes employers who have already implemented a health and safety management system, the WSIB's new program will encourage employers without an existing program to develop one.

"We know that businesses across the province strive to make their workplaces as healthy and safe as possible for their employees," said Elizabeth Witmer, WSIB Chair. "Our new Health and Safety Excellence program gives them a roadmap to improve health and safety, whether they're just getting started or want to optimize processes they already have in place."

In order to meet the needs of its members and the industries they serve, IHSA's Certificate of Recognition (COR™) program has been enhanced to meet the requirements outlined in both of these programs. COR™ 2020 will be launched in the new year.

Enzo Garritano, CEO of IHSA, says that more than 430 employers have achieved COR™ in Ontario, with even more registered to become certified. "By recognizing that COR™ meets the requirements of these new programs, the Ministry and the WSIB are helping to build a strong and systematic approach to safety in the province."

By achieving COR™, employers are able to demonstrate to buyers of service that their health and safety management system has been developed, implemented, and evaluated on an annual basis through comprehensive internal and external audits. COR™ is often required for contracts with both public- and private-sector construction projects in Ontario. These two new programs will further enhance the benefits of COR™ with both financial and non-financial incentives.

- Learn more about IHSA's COR™ 2020 program (<https://www.ihsa.ca/cor-home>)
- Learn more about *Supporting Ontario's Safe Employers* (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/supporting-ontarios-safe-employers-program>)
- Learn more about Health and Safety Excellence (<https://www.wsib.ca/en/health-and-safety-excellence-program-achieve-earn-rebates-and-recognition>)

## About IHSA

IHSA is a leader in health and safety education. Through skills-based training, auditing, and evaluation, we provide safety solutions to those who perform high-risk activities such as working at heights, working with energized high-voltage power systems, driving motor vehicles, transporting dangerous goods, working on suspended access equipment, and utility line clearing.

As part of Ontario's health and safety system, we are recognized by the Ministry of Labour, Training, and Skills Development; the Ministry of Transportation and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board as designated trainers and consultants. So, you can be sure that the training you get from IHSA meets regulatory requirements and compliance standards.

You are automatically a member of IHSA if you pay premiums to the WSIB in one of the 28 rate groups in the industries that we serve:

- construction
- electrical
- utilities
- transportation
- aggregates
- natural gas
- ready-mix concrete

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