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A Special Message from the Assistant Secretary

Forty years ago Congress responded to the public's demand for safer workplaces and passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The need was clear: far too many workers were getting killed or seriously injured on the job. The legislation created the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and charged the new agency with setting and enforcing standards to protect working men and women in America.

April 28, 2011 marks the 40th anniversary of OSHA's first day on the job - a job that has delivered remarkable progress for our nation. Workplace injuries, illnesses and deaths have fallen dramatically since OSHA began. Together with our State partners, OSHA has tackled deadly safety risks and serious health hazards. We have established common sense standards and cooperative programs that have saved thousands of lives and prevented countless injuries.

Today workplaces in America are far safer than forty years ago. Our progress gives us hope and confidence that OSHA will continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our nation's 130 million workers, and their families.

Looking to the future, OSHA remains committed to protecting workers from toxic chemicals and deadly safety hazards at work; ensuring that vulnerable workers in high-risk jobs have access to critical information and education about job hazards; and providing employers with vigorous compliance assistance to promote best practices that can save lives.

We hope you will join us in this anniversary year as we recognize OSHA's accomplishments and reaffirm our dedication to the agency's mission. Help us celebrate four decades of healthier workers, safer workplaces, and a stronger America.

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Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA

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OSHA timeline highlights 40 years of healthier workers, safer workplaces and a stronger America

An interactive [timeline](#) commemorating 40 years of progress protecting the safety and health of working men and women illustrates milestones from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and its state partners' efforts to reduce injuries, illnesses and deaths.

The Occupational Safety and Health Act was signed into law by President Nixon on Dec. 29, 1970. On April 28, 1971, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration was created. In the four decades since OSHA was created, the nation has made dramatic progress in reducing work related deaths and injuries.

"We hope you will join us in this anniversary year as we recognize OSHA's accomplishments and reaffirm our dedication to the agency's mission," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. "Help us celebrate four decades of healthier workers, safer workplaces, and a stronger America."

OSHA invites the public to visit the timeline and explore 40 years of progress in workplace health and safety. Visit the [OSHA at 40](#) Web page to read Assistant Secretary Michaels' [Anniversary Message](#) about OSHA's journey during the past 40 years and priorities for the future, and learn about activities throughout the year to celebrate OSHA's accomplishments.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

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Construction Professionals Benefit From Annual Construction Expo and Safety Day

*ASA Chicago and the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council
Partner at Expo to Deliver Greater Benefits to Industry Professionals*

Des Plaines, IL (February 23, 2011) --- The ASA Chicago 9th Annual Construction Expo and Safety Day will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL. ASA Chicago (Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates) is partnering for the first time with the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council (CCSC), a non-for-profit construction safety and health organization based in Hillside, IL, to offer additional benefits to its members and to construction industry professionals. The partnership between the two organizations is a new endeavor and provides attendees and exhibitors with even more exposure, networking and educational opportunities than ever before.

Both associations recognized the importance of providing a valuable event to the construction industry such as educational safety sessions, presented by the Construction Safety Council, and the need to upgrade to a larger venue for the growing volume of exhibitors from ASA Chicago. In order to serve the needs of the industry and remain cost effective, the organizations agreed to collaborate on offering educational sessions delivered by CSC and tradeshow advantages offered by the ASA Chicago Construction Expo.

Tom Broderick, Executive Director of the Construction Safety Council states, "We are pleased to partner with such a diverse construction group as the Association of Subcontractors and Affiliates. As our associations work together, we can offer our members even more benefits than those received in past Annual Safety Days. The networking opportunities at the ASA Expo will allow interaction with a wide scope of trades and affiliates that serve the construction industry."

Subcontractors, general contractors, construction suppliers and vendors along with construction safety professionals from the Chicagoland construction industry are expected to be in attendance at the Expo. Over 150 exhibit booths have been sold, exceeding last year's number of exhibitors. Exhibitors include companies in such trades as demolition, concrete, carpentry, finishes, computer and other professional services, as well as 20 of the largest general contractors in the Chicagoland area.

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A large equipment display will also be available at the Expo allowing construction professionals to view large cranes, scissor lifts, ladders, large power tools and more. Safety professionals will enjoy the morning of informative and educational sessions on such topics as “New Crane & Derrick Standards”, “Health Hazards and Worker’s Compensation” and “Arcs, Sparks, Fire and Explosions”. The sessions are being held prior to the opening of the Expo to allow attendees to take part in the entire day without missing safety sessions or tradeshow exhibits.

“By offering educational sessions from the Construction Safety Council, ASA Chicago members will be able to take advantage of continuing education credits that were not previously available at our Expo,” said Brian Maddox, ASA Chicago Executive Director. “We are very excited to provide such an enhanced opportunity to our members through this partnership with the Construction Safety Council.”

Packages to attend the Annual Construction Expo and Safety Day are available at member and nonmember rates with a full day pass to both the Safety Day Conference and Construction Expo representing the best value at \$189 per person. Exhibit floor passes can also be purchased in bundles to enable firms to extend extra Expo passes to customers or friends. Over 2,000 people are expected to attend the 2011 event.

The Association of Subcontractors & Affiliates (ASA Chicago) was founded in Chicago in 1967 and is an independent, nonprofit trade association representing the subcontracting industry and its affiliates. Servicing over 400 union and non-union subcontractor members, trade suppliers and servicers, the group is one of the largest trade associations in the Chicagoland area addressing the business initiatives of the subcontractor. *ASA Chicago* is also a member of the National Subcontractor Alliance and a Green Sponsor of the USGBC Chicago Chapter. The association publishes three member publications, most notably its quarterly magazine, *Construction Connection*. For more information about *ASA Chicago*, its membership, events and more, visit the website at asachicago.org or at 847-827-8336.

The Chicagoland Construction Safety Council (CCSC) was founded in 1989 and is chartered as an Illinois 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. The council ‘membership’ currently numbers more than 8,000 in the Chicago metro and collar counties area. CCSC is funded through grants, donations, tuition charges, apprentice funds, associations, and the famous penny-per-hour’ voluntary contribution ensured by various unions’ collective bargaining agreements. The organization quickly grew to become a world

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class professional construction consortium. Construction Safety Council (CSC) was founded in 1991 to serve safety training needs nationally and is funded through federal grants and private funding. The two organizations have a singular mission: Reducing the tragic and costly consequences of construction accidents, injuries and illnesses that take the lives of six American Construction industry men and women each day. This is accomplished through the most current, state-of-the-art construction safety training by veteran construction safety trainers. For more information about the Construction Safety Councils, call 800-552-7744 or visit the website at buildsafe.org.