

21 (d) CONSULTATION PROGRAM GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

GOAL: The overall goal of the Consultation Program is to reduce the incidence of injury or illness to workers by enhancing employer ability to identify and control safety and health hazards.

OBJECTIVES: The eight objectives of the Consultation Program are:

- 1. PROMOTION/REQUEST PRIORITIES:** Obtaining requests for assistance from, and affording priority to, those employers with smaller businesses whose establishments pose the greatest risk of injury or illness to workers.
- 2. HAZARD IDENTIFICATION:** Providing prompt and accurate identification of hazards covered in the scope of the employer's request for consultation.
- 3. HAZARD CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS:** Providing professionally reliable and cost-effective recommendations for controlling the hazards identified.
- 4. VERIFICATION OF HAZARD CORRECTION:** Working with employers to ensure reasonably timely correction of those hazardous situations which pose an imminent danger to workers or which would be classified as a "serious" violation of applicable Federal or State statutes and to encourage correction of other-than-serious hazards.
- 5. SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM ASSISTANCE:** Encouraging and assisting employers in establishing workplace policies, procedures and practices for establishing and maintaining a safe and healthful workplace.
- 6. TRAINING AND EDUCATION:** Providing training and education for employers and employees where it would be an effective means for addressing hazards or potential hazards identified in the course of a hazard survey.
- 7. RECOGNITION AND EXEMPTION:** Providing for recognition of requesting employers who correct all hazards and meet requirements for establishing an effective safety and health program, by notifying OSHA or the State enforcement program of their qualification for general schedule inspection exemption.
- 8. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:** Performing all necessary management and administrative support to ensure the most effective and efficient program operation in accord with established policies and procedures.