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2007 COSS Excellence in Safety Award Winner Coy Babin

Be The Best! - Submit Your Nominations Today

Nominations are being taken for the annual Safety Council awards. Find out the criteria, download the forms and get the recognition you deserve.

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Tobie Craig, Turner Industries

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Our family is growing! Please help us welcome two interim board members and a recent addition to our leadership team.

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Edward G. Foulke, Jr., OSHA Administrator

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Be the Best of the Best! – Submit Your Nominations Today

It's time to turn the spotlight on safety. If you or your organization is setting the safety standard, or if you know someone who should be recognized for an act of heroism, let the Safety Council know. We will be shining a light on the best of the best at the Safety Council's 50th Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony. Now is the time to submit your nomination(s).

Winners will be recognized during the Gala on April 5th, 2008, at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center. Awards will be given in the following categories:

- ◆ Excellence in Safety Training
- ◆ Outstanding Fleet Safety Performance
- ◆ Innovative Community Outreach
- ◆ COSS Excellence in Safety
- ◆ Acts of Heroism

Award recipients will be featured in the Safety Council's bi-monthly newsletter, *Gotta Minute?*; will receive an invitation for two to the Safety Council's 50th Anniversary Gala and Awards Ceremony; will have a congratulatory letter sent to their employer; and, will be featured in a press release distributed to the local media.

Nomination forms may be downloaded and filled out electronically by visiting www.safetylca.org/annualmeeting/call.htm. The deadline for nominations is February 29th, 2008. Let your commitment to safety shine!

If you have any questions about the awards or the gala, contact Crystal Pichon at (225) 766-0955 ext.103, or cpichon@safetylca.org.



COSS Instructor, Rightor Cobb presenting COSS graduate Coy Babin with 2007 COSS Excellence Award.

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New Faces at the Safety Council



David Grier, Safety Council



Gretchen LeBlanc, Dow Chemical



Tobie Craig, Turner Industries

The Safety Council of the Louisiana Capital Area is pleased to announce the appointment of David B. Grier as Vice President of Strategic Business Development. David was formerly VP of Life Success Publishing and Corporate Liaison Director for the University of Phoenix. David is eager to meet with our membership. If you any ideas regarding ways the Safety Council can assist your company with its needs please email David at dgrier@safetylca.org.

The Safety Council also welcomes two interim board members, Gretchen LeBlanc and Tobie Craig. Gretchen comes to us from **The Dow Chemical Company** where she has worked for the past 27 years and was recently named Site Responsible Care® Leader for the Louisiana Operations.

Tobie is currently the Marketing Director of **Turner Industries** where she coordinates business development resources among Turner's industrial service divisions. Tobie also serves on the boards of the **Capital Area United Way** and the **Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance**. Gretchen and Tobie will appear on the ballot and be officially voted in by the Safety Council membership at the 50th Anniversary Gala on April 5th, 2008.

Please join us in welcoming them.





Should You Be Paying for Personal Protective Equipment? OSHA Has the Answers.

In a recent rule published by the **Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)**, employers are now required to provide their employees with most personal protective equipment (PPE) at no cost to the employee. OSHA estimates that employers already pay for about 95 percent of PPE costs.

In its summary of the regulations, the Agency states that “the rule merely stipulates that the employer must pay for required PPE, except in the limited cases specified in the standard.” Examples of equipment covered includes respirators, hard hats, gloves, goggles, safety shoes, safety glasses, and welding helmets, but there are several exemptions to the mandate. According to the rule, the employer is not required to pay for ordinary safety-toed footwear (including steel-toe shoes or steel-toe boots), ordinary prescription safety eyewear, logging boots, everyday clothing and weather-related gear. Additionally, employers are not required to provide PPE where none was required before and the employer does not have to pay for equipment that is lost or intentionally damaged. To see a list of the types of PPE exempted from the employer payment requirements, [click here](#).



OSHA Administrator, Edward G. Foulke, Jr., said, “OSHA expects the rule will result in over 21,000 fewer occupational injuries per year. This significant reduction in injuries through employer-payment of PPE is also expected to save society over \$200 million per year in such forms as reduced direct costs, including medical and insurance bills. This does not include additional benefits such as reduced pain and suffering for employees.”

The rule has been published and the standard will become effective on February 13th. Employers must implement the new PPE payment requirements no later than May 15, 2008. The final rule does not mandate the means by which compliance with the payment requirements must be achieved. Employers may opt to issue employees PPE allowances, reimburse employees for PPE, or maintain a stock of PPE to dole out to employees. .

To read a full copy of the ruling visit www.osha.gov.



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We're Opening Doors for Our Members

The finishing touches are being put on the Safety Council satellite office in Addis. We are looking forward to opening the doors and scheduling classes in early February.

The Addis training center, located at 7640 Highway 1 South, will provide the same services offered at our Gonzales satellite location plus more. The 6,000 sq. foot facility will offer one additional classroom; more than double the amount of computers and will also include the offices of Gulf Coast Occupational Medicine. In addition, the ACT testing services will be relocated to the Addis facility, from our Baton Rouge office, soon after the grand opening.



According to Safety Council President/CEO, Kathy Trahan the addition of the Addis office will not only benefit our West Baton Rouge area members but our Baton Rouge area members as well. Trahan says, "This extra capacity in Addis will allow us to service our members more efficiently and position us to ready our members for new projects in 2008 in and around West Baton Rouge Parish. By moving trainees through more quickly we will minimize their time away from work."

If you have any questions about the new facility contact Dianna Braud at (225) 766-0955 ext. 125 or dbraud@safetylca.org.



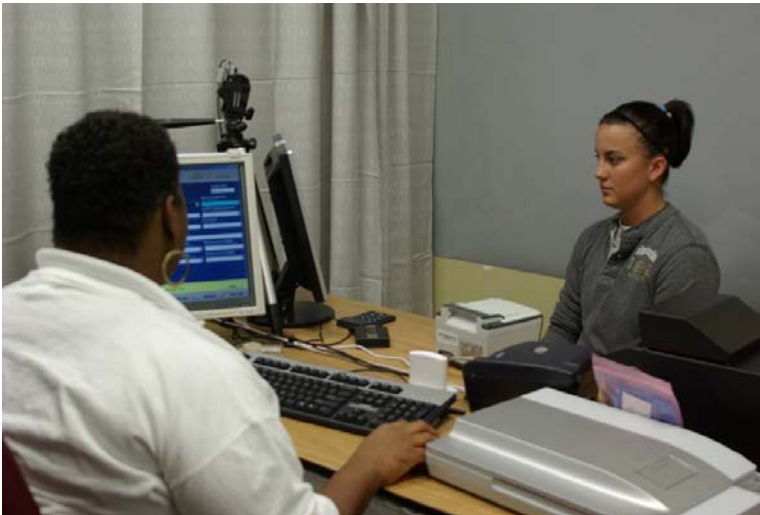


TWIC Enrollment Improvements

Good news is in store for our members required to enroll for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). Recent adjustments to the system will speed up the process of enrolling for the TWIC card.

In response to concerns from local companies, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Lockheed Martin have taken steps to improve the Baton Rouge enrollment center's procedures. Changes include:

- Increasing the number of enrollment stations in the Baton Rouge area from three to six.
- Converting one station to a dedicated card issuance station to speed up card pick-ups.
- Bringing in I.T. specialists to re-configure the connection to the servers to improve server access and performance.
- Hiring more employees, including a greeter, to help facilitate processing personnel.
- Accepting company checks and company credit cards (Visa or MasterCard) for processing multiple payments. Credit cards may be put on file in the Baton Rouge office along with a list of employees eligible to use the credit card to pay for their TWIC card.
- Adjusting online scheduling to allow for more appointments.



The TWIC card is required for all personnel needing unescorted access to secure areas of Maritime Transportation Security Act (MTSA) regulated facilities and/or vessels and all mariners holding Coast Guard issued credentials or qualification documents. The TWIC enrollment offices are located in the lobby at the Safety Council and are open Monday through Friday, from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. and every 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month from 6:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

To access TSA's website of frequently asked TWIC questions visit http://www.tsa.gov/what_we_do/layers/twic/twic_faq.shtm. For more information call the TWIC Program Help Desk at 1-866-DHS-TWIC or 1-866-347-8942.





Focus on Workforce Development

On December 13, the **Greater Baton Rouge Industry Alliance (GBRIA)** honored businesses for their outstanding contribution to workforce development at the 1st Annual Contractor Workforce Development Awards ceremony. Safety Council member companies were recognized for their efforts in improving the skills of their workforce and retaining craft personnel in Louisiana.

The awards were divided into three categories: Specialty Trades, General Industry and Soft Crafts. The winners were as follows:

Specialty Trades

Industrial Specialty Contractors, LLC - Winner

Vector Electric & Controls, Inc. - Recognition Award

Sulzer Enpro, Inc. - Recognition Award

General Industry (Tie for Winner)

The Shaw Group, Inc. - Winner

Turner Industries - Winner

Jacobs Field Services, N.A. - Recognition Award

Pala - Interstate, LLC - Recognition Award

Soft Crafts

Protherm Services Group - Winner

Brand Scaffold Builders, Inc. - Recognition Award



Pictured Left to Right: Cindy Bordelon, ISC; GBRIA Board Member Mike Cohen, BASF; Donna Bahlinger, ISC; Ronnie Gulino, ISC; and, GBRIA Board Member Mike Matlock, Dow.

Join us in congratulating the winners! The 2nd Annual Contractor Workforce Development Awards Luncheon is scheduled for June, 12, 2008. For more information on how you can submit a nomination visit www.gbria.org.



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Apr.
5th

Safety Council 50th Anniversary Gala

Time: 6:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Where: Capital Hilton
Baton Rouge

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June
16th

Safetyland Begins

Where: Gonzales, Baton Rouge and our new location in Addis

Help support a child's safety adventure. Sponsorships available! Contact Crystal Pichon at (225) 766-0955 ext.103.



Sept
2008

Gulf Coast Safety + Security Conference & Expo

Where: Baton Rouge

Interested in sponsoring or exhibiting at this great event? Contact Dianna Braud at (225) 766-0955 ext.125.



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Colt Services

Sochem Solutions, Inc.

Quality Maintenance Services

Shaw EDS-Energy Delivery Services

Concrete Strategies LLC

James A Teague Rental Equipment, Inc.
Marine Systems, Inc.

Penford Food Ingredients Co.

L Con Constructors

Champion Technology Services, Inc.

Mix Bros Tank Services

Industrial Solutions Group

Aqua Drill International

Picard Steel Erectors

General Fabrication

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Celebrating

50 Years

1958-2008

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April 5th

Hilton Baton Rouge
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