

Heidi Drygas
Commissioner

www.labor.alaska.gov



P.O. Box 111149
Juneau, AK 99811-1149
907.465.2700
commissioner.labor@alaska.gov

Press Release

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 16, 2015

No. 15-25

For more information: Paul Moyer, CHASE Coordinator
907- 269-4939, Paul.Moyer@Alaska.Gov

Black & Veatch Construction, Inc. Approved for Construction Health and Safety Excellence Program Partnership

JUNEAU, Alaska— Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Heidi Drygas approved Black & Veatch Construction Inc. (BVCI) for the Construction Health and Safety Excellence (CHASE) Program Partnership.

The CHASE Program was established in 2004 in coordination with the Alaska Associated General Contractors to take a proactive approach in reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities within the construction industry. CHASE participants tend to be larger contractors that have significant mentorship impacts on multitudes of subcontractors. Construction industry safety performance has improved significantly over the past decade with lost time injury and illness rates per 100 employees dropping from 4.38 in 2005 to .96 in 2014.

Commissioner Heidi Drygas commented, "Alaska cannot get to zero incidents through enforcement alone, we need strong commitments from all Alaskans and industry partners. Programs like CHASE bring us together toward a common cause – to make sure all Alaskans go home from work safe and healthy at the end of the day."

CHASE participation requires continual evaluation of the safety and health management system and the ever changing construction environment to enable management and workers to better anticipate, identify, and plan for appropriate adjustments toward prevention and abatement of hazards that arise or have the potential to become present.

"Black & Veatch places the highest importance on the safety and health of its workforce and contractors," says Brad Warn, Vice President & Director of BVCI. "This state OSHA partnership program is a valuable asset to us in achieving our safety goals. Black & Veatch is grateful for this opportunity to work with the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Consultation and Training program to enhance construction health and safety excellence."

There are 13 sites in the CHASE Program. For a complete listing of the sites and more information about the program, go to Labor.Alaska.gov/lss/participants_chase.html.

Labor Standards and Safety Division
Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/

Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Section
Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/oshhome.htm