Memorandum of Collaboration
Between the
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America
and
Workplace Health Without Borders

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and Workplace Health Without Borders (WHWB), a registered Canadian charity (collectively, the "Participants" and individually, the "Participant") appreciate the importance of education and training to improve understanding and awareness of knowledge in developing and applying preventive measures in occupational safety and health, and share a common mission to contribute to the prevention of occupational injuries and diseases worldwide. This Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) is based on the common belief that heightened cooperation between the Participants should contribute to improved individual and mutual needs. WHWB and NIOSH plan to cooperate to use their collaborative efforts and expertise to advance the protection of workers and to promote best practices to improve worker safety and health.

The collaboration may consist of the following:

i. Developing and enhancing education and training resources;
ii. Participation in occupational safety and health training through on-site training and webinars;
iii. Participation at conferences, meetings and other key events where occupational safety and health issues are addressed;
iv. Discussion of opportunities for enhancing staff capacity including mentoring opportunities with various occupational safety and health specialties;
v. Conducting joint seminars to increase awareness of ongoing research activities;
vi. Promotion and facilitation of the transfer and implementation of partnership activities;
vii. Exploration of scientific activities of shared common interest;
viii. Identification of opportunities for transferring and promoting occupational safety and health knowledge/findings;
ix. Promotion of the dissemination of information in the area of occupational safety and health via all types of media;
x. Sharing and exchanging occupational safety and health related information resources; and
xi. Identification of other areas for future collaboration and the appropriate mechanisms for facilitating those efforts.

The Participants intend to work together to jointly develop a plan of action and discuss targets for the activities and initiatives covered in this MOC.
Each Participant intends to be responsible for its respective travel and personnel costs as well as any other incidental costs associated with the planned collaborative efforts. Nothing in this MOC constitutes a financial obligation or commitment on either Participant. All activities under this MOC are subject to the availability of funds, personnel, and other resources. To the extent NIOSH expend funds and participates in activities under this MOC, it plans to do so in accordance with the applicable laws of the United States of America. This MOC is not intended to create obligations under the laws of Canada, the laws of the United States, or international law.

The Participants intend to resolve disputes which may arise regarding the interpretation or implementation of this MOC through mutual consultation.

The activities under this MOC may commence upon signature of the Participants and are intended to continue through December 31, 2024. Either Participant may discontinue its participation in this MOC at any time, but plans to provide 90 days’ written notice to the other Participant. This MOC may be modified in writing by mutual consent of the Participants.

To facilitate the fulfilment of the intentions in this MOC, the liaison for NIOSH is Margaret Kitt, MPH, MD, Deputy Director for Program, MKitt@edc.gov, 1-304-285-6368; and the liaison for WHWB is Marianne Levitsky, Secretary, Workplace Health Without Borders, 416-388-7237, mlevitsky@whwb.org.

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