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Local Labor Council Wins OSHA Grant

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has awarded a \$469,000 grant to a national consortium of labor-based safety and health advocates, including Midstate Central Labor Council (AFL-CIO). Midstate will receive \$21,000 under the grant

The grant will fund 1998-99 implementation of the "Protecting Workers Who Exercise Rights" (PWWER) project. The PWWER project is designed to provide workers with information, materials, training and education aimed at increasing understanding of their rights to call for OSHA inspections, to accompany inspectors during an inspection; and to be protected in cases where employers retaliate against workers who exercise their rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

"It is outrageous that many workers work under unsafe conditions because they either are unaware of their rights to call for an OSHA inspection, or because they are afraid of employer retaliation," said Mike Oates, President of the Midstate Labor Council. "The educational materials and training we will provide workers under this grant will help remedy this problem."

In addition to producing a factsheet on workers' rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, Midstate CLC will conduct a series of training programs in Tompkins, Cortland, Schuyler, Steuben and Chemung Counties for workers, including workers of color, teens and immigrant workers.

BOCES Employees Association
BOCES Teachers Association/AFT
Bricklayers Local 17
Carpenters Local 603
Civil Service Employees Association Local 428
Civil Service Employees Association Local 561
Civil Service Employees Association Local 605
Civil Service Employees Association Local 849
Civil Service Employees Association Local 855
CSEA Local 1000/AFSCME
Communication Workers Local 1111
Cornell Security Employees Union
Cortland United Teachers/AFT
Electrical Workers Local 43
Electrical Workers Local 79
Electrical Workers Local 241
Electrical Workers Local 961
Fire Fighters Local 737
Fire Fighters Local 2737
George Jr. Republic Teachers/AFT
Homer Teachers Association/AFT
Ithaca Paraprofessionals Association
Ithaca School District Employees Association
Ithaca Teachers Association
Laborers Local 589
Machinists Local 1607
Machinists Local 1608
Machinists Local 1765
Musicians Local 132
Newfield Teachers Association/AFT
Operating Engineers Local 71 & 71A
Operating Engineers Local 545
Painters Local 178
Plumbers Local 267
Postal Workers Local 1151
Public Employees Federation Local 251
Service Employees Local 200A
Service Employees Local 200B
TCCC Faculty Association
Teamsters Local 317
United Auto Workers Local 802
United Auto Workers Local 1326
United Auto Workers Local 1774
United Auto Workers Local 2300
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 1
United University Professors/AFT
Watkins Glen Faculty Association/AFT