

Operational Status Agreement Benefits to Hawai'i

The Obama and Abercrombie administrations are working together to restore the ability of HIOSH to assure safer and healthier working conditions for the people of Hawai'i. The following are among the numerous benefits the State receives through the agreement:

1. The HIOSH grant will not be reduced during transition period pending Congressional action and federal funding not matched by state shall be redirected to fund support for the state.
2. OSHA will work with HIOSH to develop a training plan that will include supervisory development.
3. OSHA will ensure priority placement for required trainings, that state-specific applications are part of the curriculum, and will provide non-copyrighted instructors guides and notes, workbooks, and notated PowerPoint slides.
4. OSHA will provide training & periodic assistance to HIOSH in grant writing & management.
5. OSHA will support and develop compliance staff capabilities by providing On-the-Job Training (OTJ) and On-the-Job Evaluations, which are field reviews conducted by supervisors to evaluate skill levels and inform training curricula.
6. OSHA will provide mentoring and training for discrimination (safety and health related whistleblowers) supervisor and investigators.
7. OSHA will provide mentoring and On-the-Job Training for a Process Safety Management investigator.
8. OSHA will work with HIOSH to strengthen compliance assistance programs, including the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) and strategic alliances.
9. OSHA and HIOSH will meet quarterly to review and evaluate the progress of the Operational Status Agreement.
10. OSHA will assist HIOSH with the development of appropriate case file documentation skills through training and review of sample case files.