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OSHA Educational Officer and Chief Administrative Law Judge Joe Walsh Team Up To Offer Spring Seminar Series

(Iowa City) – Businesses: Do you know the top ten Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) violations? Would you be surprised to hear that the top three are: fall protection, scaffolding, and hazard communication? Many of these violations could be prevented with a good plan in place.

The Employers' Council of Iowa (ECI) and Iowa Works will be hosting Mike Whitmore, IOSHA Consultant who will present workshops on Wed., March 28th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Coralville Library, 1401 4th Street – Lower Level, targeted for the general industry sector and on Wed., April 4, 2012 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. for the construction industries. The general industries workshop will focus on: reducing repetitive motion injuries, developing a healthy workplace, common risk factors for injury and much more. The construction industry workshop will focus on: minimizing accidents, common safety risks in the construction industry and residential fall protection requirements.

Have you been losing your unemployment appeal hearings? Is your UI tax rate going up due to multiple lost claims hearings? Learn how to prepare your case and reduce your tax liability. Register to attend Chief Administrative Law Judge Joe Walsh's workshop on Wed., April 11 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Joe will help to clarify the rules related to unemployment insurance and the appeals process, identify what constitutes a discharge for misconduct, when a "quit for good cause" is attributable to the business and much more.

If you have employees, you should plan to attend at least one of these interactive workshops. You may save time and money by learning methods to better run your business. All businesses, human resource personnel, attorneys, financial officers, payroll staff and managers are invited to attend.

Pre-registration is requested by Monday, March 26 to Elsie Lewis, by email at Elsie.lewis@iwd.iowa.gov. There is no fee to attend. A certificate of attendance will be provided to pre-registered participants for recertification purposes.

The Iowa City area Employers' Council of Iowa (ECI) is a local business group supported by Iowa Works Region 10 and is part of the statewide Employers' Council of Iowa system. This group addresses workforce issues, and provides both educational and networking opportunities for business people and human resource professionals. Contact Brenda Dodge at (319) 351-1035 for more information on a no-cost membership to the Iowa City area ECI group.

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