## ARRANGEMENT ESTABLISHING AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN

# THE CONSULATE OF MEXICO IN SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA AND

# THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION EAU CLAIRE AND MADISON, WISCONSIN AREA OFFICES

The Consulate of Mexico in Saint Paul, Minnesota and the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Eau Claire and Madison, Wisconsin Area Offices, hereinafter referred to collectively as "the Participants";

**RECOGNIZING** the joint commitment to protect workers' rights for Mexican workers in the United States acknowledged in the Letter of Arrangement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the Department of Labor of the United States of America, concerning Workplace Safety and Health Protections Applicable to Mexican Workers in the United States, signed at Washington, D.C., on November 6, 2014; and

**RECOGNIZING** that OSHA's Alliance Program provides for the establishment of cooperative relationships for purposes such as training and education, outreach and communication, and promoting a national dialogue on workplace safety and health;

Intend to form an Alliance to achieve the following:

#### **Overall Objective**

The Participants intend to establish a collaborative relationship to provide Mexican nationals in the areas of Wisconsin where the Consulate and OSHA have jurisdiction, information, guidance, and access to education and training resources to promote workers' rights in protecting their occupational safety and health, and to help them understand U.S. domestic law on the rights of workers and the responsibilities of employers under the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSH Act).

### **Training and Education**

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following training and education goals:

- To develop training and education programs for Mexican workers and Mexican employers in the areas of Wisconsin where the Consulate and OSHA have jurisdiction regarding workplace safety and health.
- To develop training and education programs for Mexican workers and Mexican employers in the areas of Wisconsin where the Consulate and OSHA have jurisdiction to promote understanding of workers' rights and responsibilities of employers under the OSH Act, including the use of the OSHA complaint process.

#### **Outreach and Communication**

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following outreach and communication goals:

- To develop information on the recognition and prevention of workplace hazards, and to develop ways of communicating such information (e.g., print and electronic media, electronic assistance tools, and links to OSHA's Web site from the Consulate' Web site) to Mexican nationals working in the areas of Wisconsin where the Consulate and OSHA have jurisdiction and their employers.
- To speak, exhibit, or appear at the Participants' conferences, local meetings, or other events.
- To participate in "Mobile Consulate" activities and events.

## **Promotion of a National Dialogue**

The Participants intend to work together to achieve the following goals related to promoting a joint dialogue on workplace safety and health:

- To raise awareness of and demonstrate commitment to workplace safety and health and workers' rights under the OSH Act whenever leaders from the Participants address groups.
- To convene or participate in forums, roundtable discussions, or stakeholder meetings on issues affecting Mexican nationals working in the areas of Wisconsin where the Consulate and OSHA have jurisdiction to help forge innovative solutions on issues concerning workplace safety and health and understanding of workers' rights and responsibilities of employers under the OSH Act.

An implementation team made up of representatives of each Participant intends to meet to develop a plan of action, determine working procedures, and identify the roles and responsibilities of the Participants. In addition, the Participants intend to meet at least three times per year to track and share information on activities and results in achieving the goals of the Alliance.

Nothing in this Arrangement commits the Participants to the expenditure of any funds.

This Arrangement may commence upon signature by both Participants. This Arrangement may continue for two (2) years from the date of signing. A Participant should endeavor to provide thirty (30) days advanced written notice of its intent to discontinue the Arrangement. This Arrangement may be modified in writing at any time by mutual consent of the Participants.

Signed at Saint Paul, Minnesota, in duplicate, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018, in the Spanish and English languages

FOR THE CONSULATE OF MEXICO IN SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

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