

Attachment E-2:

Letter of Support from OBWC



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Dear Dr. Wurzelbacher,

This letter is written in support of the NIOSH-OBWC project entitled "Evaluating the Effectiveness of OSH Program Elements."

This project will generate wholesale and retail trade (WRT) sector incident rates for Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC) workers compensation (WC) outcomes (e.g. WC case incidence) from 1999-2009 and describe industry trends. It will determine the effectiveness of past OBWC sponsored intervention programs (e.g. Safety Grants, Drug Free Workplace). It also will examine the association between survey assessed occupational safety and health (OSH) program elements and WC outcomes in a large stratified sample of WRT companies from 2012-2014. Finally, it will determine the effectiveness and cost benefit of interventions to prevent musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs) and slips, trips, falls (STFs) in two multi-site prospective studies at OBWC WRT companies. Additionally, the OBWC Safety Grant program will be able to provide matching grants to the companies studied that will receive powered dollies and anti-slip shoes.

The aims of the project will help BWC and NIOSH better understand the WRT sector and reduce workplace injuries from occurring in this sector. In addition to helping this sector the project will help BWC better understand the effectiveness of its intervention programs. BWC is very supportive of the project and look forward to this possible collaboration.

Sincerely,

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