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Granite Approved for Construction Safety Excellence Program

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Granite Construction Company in Anchorage for the Construction Health and Safety Excellence Program.

Tailored for Alaska's construction industry, CHASE provides a partnership between licensed contractors and Alaska Occupational Safety and Health to take a proactive approach in reducing injuries, illnesses and fatalities.

"Achieving the CHASE partnership with AKOSH is a tremendous accomplishment for both Granite and its employees," Granite Construction's Regional Safety Manager Ian Langtry said. "It is a win-win program and one that Granite is proud to be involved with. Safety is unquestionably our top priority and through the direct involvement with AKOSH, this program will keep our operations on a continuous path to improvement."

As a CHASE participant, Granite will implement a comprehensive health and safety management program and work as a mentor with contractors on its projects, among other requirements.

There are 12 contractors in the CHASE program. For a complete listing of the sites and more information about the program, go online <u>Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/participants_chase.html</u>.

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