

OFSC Workshop for Australian Government agencies

The OFSC is conducting a free workshop aimed at assisting Australian Government agencies to become model clients of the building and construction industry. See the invitation.

Who should attend?

The workshop has been designed for project and contract managers working in Australian Government agencies on building and construction projects. The aim of the workshop is to provide participants with processes and strategies to improve and integrate safety into the management of construction projects.

When and where?

The workshop and information session will be held on Tuesday 22 April 2008 at Manuka Oval, Manuka Circle, Manuka ACT, commencing 9.15am and concluding at 12.30pm.

Workshop outline

The workshop will launch a new series of booklets — *The model client: Promoting safe construction*. This series of booklets provides a practical and systematic approach to integrate OHS activities into the management of construction projects. This process adopts a lifecycle approach, establishing Key Management Actions (KMAs) from planning through to completion of projects. The framework provides significant resource material including checklists, templates and tools.

Dr Helen Lingard from RMIT University will facilitate the workshop where participants will be given an opportunity to:

- step through the processes and procedures of the framework;
- undertake an initial self assessment of current practices; and
- commence preliminary work on applying the KMAs to your specific project.

In addition the workshop will provide an update on the Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme (the Scheme) as well as what makes a good client from a contractor's perspective.

Registration

A limit of two representatives per agency applies, however we will consider requests for additional participants if special circumstances exist. Numbers will be limited to 60.

To register please provide your name, position title, organisation and contact details via email by 28 March 2008 to ofsc@deewr.gov.au.

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