

## How do I learn more about SPECS?

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## What is SPECS?

SPECS is a pilot strategic partnership agreement between Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) and Maryland Chapters of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC). This multi-level agreement recognizes the importance of providing a safe and healthful work environment in the construction industry. SPECS:

- Encourages general contractors and subcontractors to develop exceptional safety and health management systems.
- Reduces the number of injuries, illnesses and fatalities affecting contractor employees.
- Focuses on eliminating injuries and fatalities resulting from the four leading causes of death on construction sites:
  - Falls
  - Struck-by
  - Caught in/or between
  - Electrocutions
- Recognizes those construction employers who go beyond basic compliance with all applicable MOSH standards.
- Provides mentorship to those employers who are seeking a higher level of safety and health program.

## How do I become an eligible contractor?

- Be a contractor or subcontractor on a Maryland jobsite(s).
- Be an ABC member and meet the requirements of the ABC Step Program Gold Level or higher.
- Provide a designated representative with responsibility, authority, and capability to implement site safety and health programs.
- Submit an application for review and a worksite evaluation.
- Have a safety and health management system that includes leadership and employee engagement, worksite analysis, hazard prevention and control, and safety training.
- Meet safety performance criteria (TRCR/ DART rates and/or EMR rates).

## Benefits of a SPECS Agreement\*\*

- Provides for a safer working environment for employees.
- Increases communication with MOSH through partnering.
- Provides community and industry recognition by ABC and MOSH.
- Provides incentives to all construction employers for their achievement of effective and successful safety and health management systems.
- Employers may reduce project expenses by eliminating penalties and litigation cost for promptly abated alleged hazards.
- Level 3 may designate a job site for exemption from programmed inspections for up to two years.
- On-site assistance provided by MOSH.

*\*\* Contact ABC or MOSH for information and full terms of the agreement.*

## Additional MOSH Services

- Consultation Services
- Voluntary Protection Program (VPP)
- Cooperative Compliance Partnership (CCP)
- Training and Education
- Alliances

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