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## **Regional Manufacturers' Association Awarded Federal OSHA Grant for Warehouse Safety Training**

*(York, PA)* – The Manufacturers' Association was awarded a \$147,000 training grant by the *Federal Susan Harwood Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)*, which will be used to support warehouse safety in central and south central Pennsylvania. The training grant, focusing on “Warehouse Hazards”, will help workers and employers recognize serious workplace hazards, including implementing injury prevention measures and understanding rights and responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act. The grant audience will focus on employees in warehouse facilities and manufacturers, especially small businesses.

Training will include ergonomics, forklift safety, and slips, trips, and falls and training materials will be provided in English and Spanish. The Association will soon schedule and offer these no-cost public warehouse safety training courses, with dates and locations throughout central Pennsylvania. Warehousing and manufacturers will also be able to host training sessions at their own locations, in conjunction with the Association.

“We at The Manufacturers' Association applaud this investment by the federal government and OSHA – it demonstrates their recognition of the high caliber of training programs which the Association has provided to thousands of manufacturing employees in central and south central Pennsylvania.”

“Safety of employees is a priority for the regional industrial base, and these training funds will transfer the best practices and procedures to the workforce - reducing lost work hours or possible injuries”, noted Tom Palisin, the Association's Executive Director.

More course information will be communicated shortly as schedules and training locations are soon organized throughout the central and southcentral Pennsylvania. The program honors the late Susan Harwood, former director of OSHA's Office of Risk Assessment, who died in 1996. During her 17-year OSHA career, she helped develop federal standards to protect workers exposed to bloodborne pathogens, cotton dust, benzene, formaldehyde, asbestos and lead in construction.

For questions about the new federally-funded grant training for warehouse safety, please contact Brian Paterniti, training manager at (717) 843-3891, or by email at [bpaterniti@mascpa.org](mailto:bpaterniti@mascpa.org).

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