

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION (COR) COR COMPANY TESTIMONIALS

Lou Metcalfe, District Health, Safety & Environment Manager, PCL Constructors WestCoast Inc.

"PCL is truly committed to health and safety. Having a COR certificate makes the health and safety review process easier for both our sub trades and for PCL because the Certificate tells us automatically that a COR certified company has an active health and safety program. It also gives us confidence that they are committed to health and safety. For those companies that don't have a COR we make sure that they know that COR certification not only helps them ensure that they have a current and WorkSafeBC compliant program but we also emphasize the opportunity for financial incentive payment from WorkSafeBC."

Paul Olson, Assistant Manager, Sure Span Ready Mix

Why has it been worth it for you/your company to be COR certified? Has it helped your company win jobs?

Yes, definitely worth it. There was an initial cost to have me off-site to take the courses and to get the company safety processes in line, but the refund is greater than the startup cost. Once you set up, everyone benefits. Not sure it helps to win jobs, but definitely there's more talk about it.

Steve Stew, Partner/Safety Chair, B&B Contracting

"We achieved Large COR OH&S and IM/RTW in May 2013. This wouldn't have been without the help of the people at the BCCSA. Since starting this process we've seen a better safety culture. Even the in-house estimators who were skeptical, believing safety costs you money, have come around as they see reductions in costs and operational improvements as a result of the improved worker engagement."

Angela Verleur, Office Administrator/Safety Coordinator, Key Largo Electric

"We found COR gave us the guidelines to enhance the quality of our existing health and safety program. For us, the COR certification process was insightful; it brought our whole program together and made it useful for not only the employee but for the employer as well. Working with the BCCSA has been nothing but a positive experience! The staff let you know they are there to help and always just a phone call away."

Frank Antonio, Owner, F&F Concrete

What has COR Certification done for your company?

COR has reinforced our safety culture. The results are long lasting and we will benefit from the course for a long time. All the courses I took were very useful and would recommend to any business. The annual audit is important because you interview staff and get great feedback about the safety culture. Most companies are unable to do all this work without the course. The Safety Advisors I dealt with were very helpful and guided me along; without their help it would be impossible to set this course up. The other benefit of being COR certified is the rebate. The cheque reinforces all the work done in a monetary incentive. I believe the COR course is the best course I have seen in my 31 years in business.

Bill Downs, President, Downs Construction

Would you recommend COR to other companies?

Yes. When I became involved with the Certificate of Recognition program I wasn't aware of the benefits of a well-managed health and safety program. Now I am sold. Every employer could benefit by being involved.

Derek Emery, E.H. Emery Electric Ltd.

For the past four years, the E.H. Emery Electric Ltd. successfully completed the COR program. "The safety of our employees is a priority and we have always had a safety plan in place," said Derek Emery, president. "COR helped us to take that safety plan one step further. It provided us with an audit tool and framework so that we can more effectively measure how we stack up. The result is that the process is now more streamlined, and we have also experienced financial benefits including rebates on our WorkSafeBC assessments."