



## OSHA News Release

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#### **OSHA, New Haven Building Trades and Dimeo Construction Company partner to Protect Workers and Promote Workplace Safety**

**NEW HAVEN, CT** – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Connecticut Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Division (CONN-OSHA), the New Haven Building Trades and Rhode Island-based Dimeo Construction Company with offices in New Haven, Boston and Providence have established a strategic partnership to promote workplace safety and health and educate workers on construction hazards during construction of a new science building at Yale University in New Haven, CT.

The project, which will build a five floor, 270,000-square-foot science building on Whitney Avenue, will be connected to the Bass Building and Kline Biology Tower. It is expected to be completed by July 2019.

"Our partnership with Dimeo Construction demonstrates the positive impact a comprehensive safety and health management system can have when management and labor come together to ensure employee safety in a high-hazard work environment", said Steven Biasi, OSHA Acting Area Director in Bridgeport.

The partnership seeks to reduce annual injury and illness rates, control hazards by implementing an effective safety and health management system for the project's contractors, conduct self-inspections, and train contractors on hazard identification techniques, and foster a working relationship with OSHA. It also will support safety and health campaigns and other initiatives.

Through its Strategic Partnership Program (SPP), OSHA works with employers, employees, professional and trade associations, labor organizations, and other interested stakeholders to establish specific goals, strategies, and performance measures to improve worker safety and health. Visit the OSHA site for more information on the SPP.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education, and assistance.

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