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## **O/E Launches Online Safety Training Curriculum**

A leader in safety improvement solutions and online training, the Troy, MI-based firm offers over 200 safety courses online.

**Troy, MI, April 27, 2009.** O/E Learning, ([www.oe.com](http://www.oe.com)) a key player in safety improvement and technology-based training for over 25 years, announced today that it will now offer over 200 safety courses online. The firm has long been a full-service safety provider and custom content training supplier to Fortune 500 companies.

"O/E has been providing training services for decades and technology-based training has been one of our core competencies from the onset. Much of the custom content we've developed was in worker safety, so offering the public online safety courses was the logical next step for us," explains O/E Vice President, Brian Makowski.

The courses are available from O/E's SafetyIMPACT! Web site ([www.safety-impact.com](http://www.safety-impact.com)), where a complete course listing can also be found. The courses offered range from awareness level to courses such as HAZWOPER and Outreach Training Programs for General Industry and the Construction Industry. HAZWOPER is available in 24- and 40-hour versions along with an 8-hour annual refresher course. The OSHA General Industry and Construction Industry courses are available in both 10- and 30-hour versions.

A major driver of the popularity of these courses is that unlike other online versions of these courses, O/E's courses do not require a proctor. OSHA waives the proctoring requirement because these courses include access to an online Outreach Trainer. "Online courses that require a proctor are really of limited value. For organizations that have small populations in remote locations, the proctoring requirement can be a significant burden. Our courses allow these workers to take the required safety courses online in a hassle-free environment; and, because they are online, they don't necessarily have to be completed at the job site," explains Phil La Duke, Director of Performance Improvement. Another reason the HAZWOPER course is attractive is the addition of a course survey which expedites the distribution of Department of Labor cards. All courses include 24/7 support and can be purchased by individuals or by organizations. Companies that buy bulk packages will receive a significant discount.

In addition to the online safety curriculum, O/E provides a full range of safety services including Safety Audits, preparation for OSHA/Ministry of Labour audits, Work Well Audits, JCAHO, ISO, or VPP, Safety Kiosks, Safety Certifications, and its revolutionary culture change intervention, SafetyIMPACT!.

"Of course, O/E will continue to be a leader in custom content development," says Makowski, "but these new offerings will round out both our safety services and our training services. These offerings are a true complement to everything we do at O/E."

O/E CEO Rick Vlasic is equally enthusiastic about his company's latest offering, "I'm proud of how O/E has significantly helped our customers to boost their productivity and improve the safety of their workplaces. When I think about the phenomenal successes we've had with organizations such as Daimler Truck, Thomas Built Buses, Freightliner Custom Chassis, Williams International, Henry Ford Health Systems, and many others, I take great satisfaction in knowing that we've helped these companies to become safer, healthier and more productive."

### **SafetyIMPACT!**

SafetyIMPACT! is a culture-based safety system designed to reduce worker injuries and lower costs through the implementation of six values and four practices common to the world's safest companies. Central to this system is a proprietary database that records hazards, identifies the root causes of these hazards, and tracks them to correction. The philosophy that is the foundation of SafetyIMPACT! is that all injuries can be prevented by identifying and removing the hazards before workers are injured.

### **O/E Learning, Inc.**

Established in 1984, O/E Learning designs and develops new training and performance improvement programs, as well as converts existing programs to different forms of delivery including Web-based, instructor-led, virtual classroom, CD/DVD, and mobile devices. O/E's diverse services range from organizational development initiatives to professional certifications in safety, quality, and employee involvement. The privately held company is

headquartered in Troy, MI. Leverage Life, a wholly owned subsidiary, is headquartered in Pleasanton, CA and focuses on providing corporate Concierge, Wellness, and Work/Life programs. Learn more about O/E at: [www.oe.com](http://www.oe.com).