



State of New York / Public Employees Federation
Joint Labor-Management Committees
Statewide Health and Safety Committee

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Dear Local & Agency H&S Committee & L/M Chairs, Council Leaders, Executive Board, and Management Safety and Health Representatives:

As we are into the third year of the 2007-2011 NYS/PEF Contract, we encourage you to apply for a Safety and Health Initiative Program [SHIP] grant under Article 18.4. The SHIP provides grant funding, up to a maximum of \$15,000, to assist in the development of safety and health programs and training. These grants can be used to support a variety of initiatives. We encourage you to consult with the Statewide Committee Co-Chairs and PEF Health & Safety Department staff in your grant development process so that we may suggest qualified program and training providers and assist with grant development. We have purposefully tried to simplify the grant application process. A good starting point in selecting a project is to evaluate which job hazards are causing injury, illness, and workers' compensation costs.

Examples of fundable projects:

- Workplace Violence Prevention Training (beyond mandated training)
- Back Injury/Ergonomics Program/Training
- Bloodborne Pathogens and TB training
- Supervisors' Health and Safety Training
- Right-to-Know Training
- Emergency Preparedness/Response
- Safe Patient Handling Training
- Health and Safety Committee Effectiveness
- Office Ergonomics
- Indoor Air Quality

We *encourage multi-agency or statewide projects*. A project *may include employees of other bargaining units* as long as PEF-represented employees benefit from it.

We have funded some very successful grant applications and the Article 18 Committee will continue to accept applications for the SHIP Grants. We have enclosed a SHIP brochure and application for your convenience. You can also find this on the PEF web site at: www.pef.org and click on "Health and Safety".

If you have any questions, or need assistance in completing the application, please feel free to contact Chuck Vejvoda at GOER at 518-474-4800 or Kathy D'Arminio at PEF at 518-257-6983.

Sincerely,

Kathy D'Arminio, PEF Co-Chair

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Enclosure

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