



To: Organisations interested in supporting OHS professional education in Australia

Dear Colleagues

Opportunity to partner with leading OHS organisation promoting quality education for OHS professionals

As chair of the Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board I would like to draw your attention to our work and offer an opportunity for you to be linked to and support the Board's activities.

One of the Board's most important goals is that of facilitating the education of graduates so that they are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to enter the workplace as effective entry-level OHS professionals. To achieve this, the Board is actively encouraging (through accreditation) those OHS professional education programs that meet established standards as well as advocating for an environment for sustainable OHS professional education. Board activities also include conferences, awards, liaison with universities and government agencies and promotion of OHS education and qualified OHS professionals. The Accreditation Board is also the 'custodian' of the OHS Body of Knowledge with responsibility for its maintenance and updating (see www.ohsbok.org.au).

The importance of OHS professional education has recently been recognised in the Australian Work Health and Safety Strategy 2012-2022 with the strategic outcome that 'those providing OHS education, training and advice will have appropriate capabilities'. The Australian OHS Education Accreditation Board is well placed to be an active proponent of this strategy, and welcomes the focus and indeed challenges that will ensue into the future. Support for the Accreditation Board is therefore also support for implementation of the Australian Strategy, as the Board is working with Safe Work Australia on the implementation of selected strategic outcomes at the national level.

In pursuing this future there is opportunity for mutual benefit to both the Board and your organisation. The Accreditation Board requires resources to achieve their range of planned activities which in turn creates an opportunity for your organisation to contribute and gain due recognition. To be publically linked with the lead organisation promoting and approving OHS professional education, as well as promoting leading edge thinking in OHS, provides a valuable and distinctive positive in today's corporate and public environment. As part of its role in maintaining and updating the OHS Body of Knowledge the Board will play a key role with its forward looking approach and keystone setting, both worthy attributes for any partner organisation to be identified with.

In order to achieve these many worthwhile goals and aspirations the Board needs your support. This support may be financial, in-kind or both.

Information on the Accreditation Board is available at www.ohseducationaccreditation.org.au. I encourage you to consider supporting the important work of the Accreditation Board and encourage you to contact the Registrar, Pam Pryor for information about the work of the Board and the opportunities for a supporting partnership. Pam's contact details are registrar@ohseducationaccreditation.org.au or mobile 0411 199 370.

Regards

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