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**OSHA GRANT TO SUPPORT EXCAVATION & TRENCHING SAFETY TRAINING  
IN GUAM & HAWAII**

**Honolulu (January 31, 2020)**—The Building Industry Association of Hawaii (BIA) has been awarded a \$142,185 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to support Trenching & Excavation training in Hawaii and Guam.

The award, made as part of the Susan Harwood Training Grant program, supports education and training programs to help workers and employers recognize serious workplace hazards, implement injury prevention measures, and understand their rights and responsibilities under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

OSHA's National Emphasis Program (NEP) on Trenching & Excavation requires increased enforcement presence at work sites throughout the nation to reduce and eliminate hazards associated with trenching and excavation. Of particular significance to local companies, **state Inspectors will initiate inspections whenever they observe an open trench or an open excavation, regardless of whether violations are readily observed.** Guam and Hawaii inspections have begun.

*"BIA is committed to providing educational and training opportunities to support safe working conditions at job sites throughout Hawaii and the Asia Pacific. We are thrilled to receive our third Susan Harwood Training Grant and look forward to a successful grant year and another great collaboration with Hawaii and Guam partners," said Gladys Quinto Marrone, CEO of BIA.*

With the support of the Guam Small Business Development Center, HIOSH: Consultation & Training, Guam General Contractors Association, and local project management firm Grant Writing & Consulting, BIA will conduct multiple four-hour trainings on Maui, the Big Island, Kauai, Oahu, and Guam beginning in April. For specific dates and times, please visit [www.biahawaii.org/construction-safety-trenching-excavation](http://www.biahawaii.org/construction-safety-trenching-excavation). Enrollment in this training is **free** and is intended to reach 285 workers and employers involved in trenching and excavation. State Occupational Safety and Health representatives will be on-hand during a post-training Q&A session to provide additional details, particularly as they pertain to job site inspections.

For more information on the Construction Safety Trenching & Excavation Training, or to register, please visit: [www.biahawaii.org/construction-safety-trenching-excavation](http://www.biahawaii.org/construction-safety-trenching-excavation) or call 808.629.7505 | 888.479.4322 (toll free).

BIA is The VOICE of the Construction Industry, promoting its members through advocacy and education, and providing community outreach programs to enhance the quality of life for the people of Hawaii.

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