



# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

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Dear Ms. Cain:

On behalf of the American Society for Safety Professionals (ASSP), I am writing in support of your application for funding as the National Construction Center under RFA-OH-24-001 issued by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Founded in 1911, ASSP is the oldest professional safety society and a respected advocate for workplace safety and health professionals, representing more than 35,000 members dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier. We are the preferred source for education among occupational safety and health (OSH) professionals — accredited by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) and authorized to offer IACET CEUs for programs that qualify under the ANSI/IACET standard.

ASSP connects great people to great resources — supporting more than 150 chapter communities in the United States and abroad, as well as practice specialties, common interest groups and student communities that enable OSH professionals to engage on a global scale. As a leading safety advocacy organization, we are passionate about advancing safety and health and recognize the value of working in partnership with other organizations who share our commitment. In the last few years, we have increasingly engaged with CPWR and on topics of shared concern, including as national organizers of OSHA's Safe + Sound Campaign, in addition to our longstanding engagement on the ANSI A10 Committee.

We share many of the same goals and see opportunities to partner on areas of mutual concern.

To further the research and dissemination efforts of your center in the next five years, we are committed to supporting proposed initiatives to reach broader audiences, particularly those considered at disproportionate risk, with safety and health research findings and interventions. Through such collaboration, we see opportunities to make efficient use of resources, increase the likelihood of adoption of evidence-based interventions, and improve safety and health outcomes.

We look forward to growing our relationship and taking advantage of new opportunities for collaboration beyond the Safe + Sound Campaign and standards setting. Please let me know if there is anything we can do in support of CPWR's application to NIOSH.

Your organization is incredibly valuable to the construction industry, and we stand ready to support you in any way we can.

Respectfully Submitted,

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2023-24 ASSP President

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