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Drop in Construction Rates Continues!

For the third year in a row, BC construction Industry employers are slated to have their base assessment rate decrease significantly. The preliminary assessment rates for 2009 were announced today by WorkSafeBC. (The rates are described as preliminary because they have not yet been formally approved by the WorkSafeBC Board of Directors. This approval is expected by October.)

The major decreases coincide with the creation of the Construction Safety Association of BC (CSABC) and its safety training and Certificate of Recognition (COR) program. The CSABC was started by COCA in 2003.

Examples of preliminary rate decreases are:

The Industrial Commercial and Institutional CU rate will drop from \$4.08 to \$3.67. The reduction is excellent news during a time of high construction activity.

Home Building decreases slightly – from \$4.06 to \$4.03 per \$100 payroll.

Low Slope Roofing decreases from \$ 6.98 to \$5.73.

Steep Slope Roofing decreases from \$12.98 to \$11.56

Highway Maintenance decreases from \$3.25 to \$3.15

Electrical Work decreases from \$1.46 to \$1.31

Masonry decreases from \$5.45 to \$4.38

One of the rare increases is to Structural Moving, which moves from \$3.61 to \$3.76.

The complete list of WorkSafeBC preliminary rates for 2009 can be viewed online at:

http://www.worksafebc.com/insurance/premiums/2009_prelim_rates/classification/browse_sectors_and_subsectors/default.asp

To keep the rates going down, contact the CSABC and start to earn your own company COR and your rebate of 15% of the base rate on WorkSafeBC assessments.

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