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**CLIENT ADVISORY**

**10-Hour OSHA Construction Safety & Health Course Required of  
All New York Construction Contractors**

Effective July 18, 2008, Labor Law § 220-h requires all laborers, workers and mechanics on the site of any state or local public works project of at least \$250,000 to be certified as having successfully completed the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's ("OSHA's") 10-hour construction safety and health course.

Section 220-h mandates that the advertised specifications for every government contract for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance and/or repair of a public work must require all workers employed in the performance of the contract to complete a 10-hour course in construction safety and health approved by OSHA.

The course includes topics such as excavations, electrical safety and chemical hazard communication and are offered by federal OSHA personnel and other qualified instructors at various training institutes and education centers. Satisfactory completion of the course is necessary to qualify contractors and subcontractors for public works jobs in addition to satisfying various other OSHA training requirements. Upon completion, the worker receives a 10-hour Construction Safety Training Card that does not expire.

If you should have any questions regarding the new legislation, please contact us.

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