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Small businesses: Don't miss this opportunity!

BWC is co-sponsoring a conference for small businesses and entrepreneurs on Sept. 15 on the campus of Shawnee State University in Portsmouth.

The cost to attend is \$10; free for students with a valid university ID. The conference will feature panel discussions, including members of the small-business community and the financial industry. Attendees will learn useful tips from successful business owners, and get information from financial experts on obtaining capital.

The conference also provides an opportunity to network with other small businesses and find out about contract opportunities.

Visit ohiobwc.com for additional details.

BWC is here for PEO's safety needs

Did you know both Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs) and Ohio employers that work with them can request safety consultative services directly from BWC?* Our safety professionals will visit your workplace to provide you with the knowledge, tools, and skills you need to prevent injuries and illnesses. We have experts in industrial safety, construction safety, industrial hygiene and ergonomics to provide you with a variety of services customized to your workplace. These services include:

- Safety program advice;
- Employee training opportunities;
- Written program assistance;
- Hazard assessment and control assistance;
- Safety culture and behavior change processes;
- Safety team/committee design and evaluation.

State-fund and self-insured employers in a PEO/client relationship may request safety consultative services by contacting BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene. This includes

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PEO employers and employers who have contracted services through a PEO. These employers must request services for their own policy number and at their location.

Safety and health specialists are located in each of BWC's customer service offices or you may contact the Division of Safety & Hygiene by calling 1-800-OHIOBWC; sending an email to safety@bwc.state.oh.us; faxing us at 614-365-4974; or online at ohiobwc.com.

* A staff leasing/PEO is a company that enters into a contractual agreement to employ all or part of the work force for a client employer and then leases those workers back to the client employer on a permanent basis.

August brings fraud awareness series

BWC's Special Investigations Department (SID) is starting a series of educational and interactive articles highlighting its work to identify and put a stop to workers' compensation fraud. The articles will focus on the team's activities with details on common fraud schemes, red flags that could be signs of fraud, and feature examples of current cases.

SID is comprised of several types of teams with expertise in different types of fraud:

- Three regional claimant fraud special investigation teams operate in most customer service offices;
- The health care provider team, employer team and safety violations investigation unit are each comprised of team members located throughout the state;
- The intelligence unit; digital forensics unit; and BWC security services operate through BWC's central office.

During the month of August, the focus is on employer fraud, followed by injured worker fraud in September and health care fraud in October.

Visit SID's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages to follow the series, report fraud and keep up on the latest news.

OSC12 looking for presenters

BWC is looking for professionals interested in sharing their expertise with other Ohio safety minded employees and employers at the 2012 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo (OSC12). This annual event will take place March 27 through 29 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

This year's theme revolves around the importance of wellness as it relates to workplace safety and health, injury prevention and return-to-work. Safety Congress will also feature more than 150 professional development sessions in many areas that offer continuing education credits.

Visit ohiobwc.com for more information about our call for presenters. The deadline to submit your application to become part of the largest safety congress in the Midwest is

August 31.

We look forward to working with you!

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