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TDS on the Move

We are pleased to announce that Training & Development Solutions and the entire Economic Development and Contract Education department have relocated to an expanded site in Dublin. Our new facility features increased office space, two large classrooms, and a sizeable conference room. We have also installed WIFI connectivity to boost our computer-based training capability.

Here are few pictures of our new office and classrooms.



This expansion will greatly enhance our training and education initiatives, allowing us the flexibility to schedule more programs, including evening and weekend courses. We are already offering safety training as part of our comprehensive OSHA Training Center curriculum.

The move to a central location with easier access to the community at large is part of an overall plan to follow our vision as a preferred resource for organizations, businesses, and the community, and to fulfill our commitment to provide training and educational solutions that contribute to continuous workforce improvement.

Our new offices are conveniently located near the 680/580 interchange, with ample parking and easy access to BART and public transit. We expect a new BART station to open within two blocks of our location by the end of 2010.

Our new address is:

**7600 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 102
Dublin, CA 94568**

New Leadership for the OSHA Training Center



In December 2009 we were happy to welcome John Messing as the OSHA Training Center and Apprenticeship Programs Manager. In his newly created role, John is already hard at work overseeing and developing OSHA curriculum, promoting the Training Center's programs, and helping companies develop comprehensive training to fulfill OSHA safety requirements.

After graduating from Washington State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, John spent several years in marketing management before transitioning to construction safety. After assuming the role of regional safety manager at American Civil Constructors, John recognized a new found passion and attended UC San Diego, where he earned a Professional Certificate in Occupational Safety and Health. He subsequently served as corporate safety

manager for Nehemiah Construction while obtaining additional safety training and instruction credentials.

John's experience in the construction industry also positions him to be a great resource for our apprenticeship programs. John will oversee our current apprenticeship partnerships and help new programs become established in our district. We are delighted to have found a manager with John's background and scope of knowledge.

News you Need to Know

- ✓ **Instructor Referrals** – If at any time you have a friend or colleague that may be interested in working with us, feel free to forward their contact information. Instructor referrals are what allow us to provide a large array of trainings for our clients and, more importantly, identify superior instructors and SMEs. Thank you for helping expand our training topics and instructor pool.
- ✓ **Training Topic Updates** – Have you taught a new topic or developed curriculum for a new course? Forward an updated list of training topics to your TDS program coordinator to ensure that your instructor file reflects the new topic, and TDS has up-to-date information on your areas of expertise.

SME Profile: Tommie Jones



Tommie Jones has over 29 years of safety and occupational health experience. Tommie worked for the Department of Defense (DoD), serving as Safety Manager and as Supervisory Safety Specialist. Tommie has developed and taught courses in many areas, including Back Injury Prevention/Ergonomic Awareness, Job Hazard Analysis, Sexual Harassment Prevention and Diversity Awareness, Accident Investigation, and Conducting Safety Inspections.

Tommie has an A.A. in Mass Communications from Forest Park Community College and is a graduate of the DoD's two year Safety Management Career Program. He is a certified Asbestos Building Inspector and Management Planner. He is also an authorized Federal OSHA Trainer for both general industry and the construction industry.

TDS Managers to Participate in 35th ACCCA Conference

MariAnn Fisher, Training and Development Solutions' Marketing and Sales Manager, and Judi Watkins, Project Director of the Workplace Learning Resource Center, will participate in a panel discussion at the 35th Annual Conference of the Association of California Community College Administrators on February 18th. The discussion topic, *Accessing Resources and Training Innovation through Economic and Workforce Development Programs*, will focus on how community college economic and workforce development programs serve an important role in providing training solutions to industry while generating revenue for their colleges. ACCCA's annual 3-day conference is the premier event for California's community college administrators, drawing over 300 participants for high level professional development and networking opportunities.

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