VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAMS
WHAT IS VPP?

A safety and health management system that prevents workplace accidents and fatalities, while reducing medical, time-off, litigation and mitigation costs.

- Affects 1 million+ workers
- 2,200+ worksites
GOOD BUSINESS

VPP establishes sound safety and health practices that are both socially responsible and good business.

- Positive public image
- Regulation compliance
- Cost savings
- Employee satisfaction
FUNDING

Spent
- $3.7 million private sector
- $3.5 million public

Saved
- $300 million private sector
- $59 federal
FEDERAL/STATE USE

DoD has 62 VPP sites that average:

- 40% reduction in civilian lost time
- Saved $149M
- 69% reduction in incidence rates
- 62% reduction in lost day rates
SAFETY MANAGEMENT & HEALTH SYSTEM

VPP is based on dedication to four main elements:

- Management Leadership and Employee Involvement
- Worksite Analysis
- Hazard Prevention and Control
- Safety and Health Training
APPLICATION

Elements of the Application

- General Information
- Employee Support for VPP Participation
- Assurances
- VPP Safety & Health Management System
PREPARING FOR THE EVALUATION

OSHA VPP Evaluation Worksheet
Rehearse presentations
Documents for review organized and properly labeled
Review potential questions with workers
Room for the evaluation team and for formal interviews
ONSITE EVALUATION

Day 1: Introductions, presentations, walk-through
Day 2: Documentation review, interview schedule
Day 3: Interviews, comprehensive walk-through
Day 4/5: Formal briefing, recommendations
AFTER THE EVALUATION

Report submission
Onsite report submission
Site notification
MAINTAINING STATUS

Annual submission
Annual report
Onsite visit every 3 to 5 years
GETTING STARTED

Become a VPPPA member worksite
Attend Safety+Symposium
Form an active group of employee leaders
Allocate proper time to work on safety and health