

Susan Harwood Grant Update - June 2017



Since October 2016, the San Diego Ship Repair Association has been in partnership with local ship repair subcontractors through OSHA's Susan Harwood Training Grant. The overall goal of the grant is to strengthen training abilities within targeted ship repair companies. This has been achieved by working with internal trainers to increase their skills and developing high need safety training courses for selected companies. At the end of June 2017, the grant is 75% complete and has already had much success. Some of the highlights of the training project are:

- **Needs assessments** were completed by participating companies to identify high priority safety topics.
- Four **customized safety courses** and two Facilitator's Guides were developed and created with input from high level safety personnel.
- **15 subcontractor companies** were selected to participate in the project and training began in January 2017.
- **Over 180 ship repair workers have been trained** in priority safety skills in 2017.

The San Diego Ship Repair Association anticipates training more than 100 additional trainees as the grant project progresses during the summer of 2017. Response from the participating companies has been overwhelmingly positive and supportive. Evaluations collected from trainees after the safety workshops received high marks. Post test results also showed a substantial gain in trainee knowledge. This grant-funded training is an example of the Ship Repair Association's effort to enhance safety practices throughout the shipyard. Safety saves lives.