

GRI Announces OHS Working Group for G4 Development Process

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), a network-based organization that pioneered the world's most widely-used sustainability reporting framework, has announced the formation of a 'Working Group' for occupational health and safety. The Working Group will examine OHS performance indicators to help build the content of the new G4 guidelines and will make recommendations on indicators for inclusion.

GRI noted that several issues had come to light throughout the development process that will be addressed by the OHS Working Group. Of particular concern was the need to refocus the current safety and health Performance Indicators to improve clarity and transparency in performance reporting. They also identified the need to give more consideration to contractors/subcontractors and consolidate data so that it is regionally and globally standardized.

Welcoming the GRI announcement, Tom Cecich, Chair of the Center Board of Directors, said that "we at the Center for Safety and Health Sustainability are delighted that GRI has formed a Working Group for this important subject. We very much look forward to contributing to its work program and to doing whatever we can to enhance the health and safety content of G4 guidelines."

The Center, he added, feels "this is a first and vital step towards raising occupational health and safety reporting standards and performance worldwide – saving lives, supporting businesses and sustaining economies."

The Working Group will make recommendations on the OHS indicators for inclusion in G4, followed by a second public comment period (August to October), during which we will again seek your much-appreciated support.

We very much welcome this news, a vital step towards raising occupational health and safety reporting standards and performance worldwide – saving lives, supporting businesses and sustaining economies.

The Center for Safety and Health Sustainability (CSHS), established in 2010, is committed to ensuring the safety, health, and sustainability of the global workforce. The Center engages safety and health partners around the world to establish minimum standards that help reduce workplace injuries and ill health. A collaborative effort of AIHA, ASSE and IOSH, the Center represents over 80,000 workplace safety and health professionals worldwide.