

Go for Award Audits!



Award Audit 2013
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Introduction

Annually, Workplace Safety and Health Council (WSHC) organize Workplace Safety and Health Awards - for companies with outstanding safety and health performance in the industry. Two of the awards requiring MOM approved auditing organizations to perform award audits before submitting applications for awards are WSH Performance Awards (WSHPA) for all industries - either large or small companies; and Safety and Health Award Recognition for Projects (SHARP) for projects or worksites - e.g. shipyard projects and construction worksites.

MOM approved auditing organizations need to audit them to ensure that they attained at least 70% in bands 1 to 3 of the official checklist; and grade them based on the official x-factor checklist.

Calling For Attention Of CEO'S And Safety Professionals

There have been strong interests

from many CEO's and safety professionals of local and multi-national companies seeking recognition for the company's efforts in achieving workplace safety and health, by winning the national awards through the award audits.

Why Award Audits?

Through our survey conducted on 43 projects of 17 contestant companies recently, most companies were keen to participate in the award audits because they genuinely wanted to foster a good safety & health culture in their respective companies.

Common Traits of Potential Award Winning Companies

The following traits have been observed based on the 43 WSH Performance and SHARP award audits we conducted between January to March 2013.

On the cultural front, MNCs had strong support from their head offices; management systems were well developed to include requirements more than OHSAS 18001/SS 506. Procedures were readily available, while staff had the rights to stop work and to whistle-blow. Local contestants had good management systems but might lack robustness of the systems that MNC's could easily tap from their headquarters.

On the sectoral front, manufacturing sector had a slight advantage as compared to construction or shipyard sectors that varied depending on projects.

On the human trait, ownership from all levels is more visible in the manufacturing sector, where workers knew their job hazards and safety & health responsibilities well. It is also noted that potential award winners were experienced professionals. There was commitment to safety from top management. Last but not least, safety and health professionals were mostly committed, confident, competent and truly cared for the well-being of their workers.

Your Route To A More Assured Award

For companies that want to be recognized for the award(s) next year, please start preparing it now as you need to maintain good injury-free rate and zero accident due to fatalities or permanent disabilities or dangerous occurrences for the full year. With leadership and commitment from top management of the company, you are to work around minimum a safety and health management system model like OHSAS 18001/SS 506 and its actual implementation through your people. You are to benchmark your company against the official OHS checklist to spot your current gap, and work hard on improving your safety and health procedures with documented evidence, and genuinely improving your safety culture with due care and diligence.

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