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A THIRD PARTY ACCREDITED HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Introduction

Safe-T-Cert was developed jointly by the Construction Employers Federation in Belfast and the Construction Industry Federation in Dublin.

It was developed from the 18001/2 documentation but enhanced specifically for the construction industry. Safe-T-Cert is also based on the 'best practice' requirements of relevant international and national bodies, including the ILO guidelines.

Safe-T-Cert is a recognised system under the 'Buildsafe' initiative in Northern Ireland and the 'Construction Safety Partnership' in the Republic of Ireland.

The Benefits of Safe-T-Cert

Clients are assured that certified contractors have an effective health and safety management system.

Safe-T-Cert certification provides contractors with third party support for pre qualification and selection.

Certified contractors will be listed on the Safe-T-Cert register that is available to public and private sector clients.

Insurance companies may look favourably on contractors who have taken a pro-active approach to risk management as demonstrated through the achievement of Safe-T-Cert certification.

Companies can use Safe-T-Cert certification to demonstrate to clients that they have effective health and safety management systems and procedures.

Certification

A Joint Standards Advisory Panel (JSAP) which includes client bodies, professional bodies, the Health and Safety Authority, the Health and Safety Executive Northern Ireland, the Trade Unions and contractors advise on the standards for certification.

Only companies that have gone through a detailed certification process and have met the minimum criteria will receive certification. Certification is mutually recognised in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

Independent Audit

Audits are carried out only by approved Auditors. They are appointed from a Safe-T-Cert Panel of Auditors provided by the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH).

Auditors must: 1. Have appropriate industrial experience 2. Be an IOSH Registered Safety Practitioner (RSP) 3. Be an IRCA Registered Auditor 4. Have completed Safe-T-Cert Auditor Training as required by Safe-T-Cert and IOSH

The audit itself entails a detailed examination of the company's health and safety documentation and procedures together with interviews and site inspections.