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The MHCA's WORKSAFELY™ program delivers the nationally recognized Certificate of Recognition (COR™) safety standard. This standard is an integral part of industry safety excellence. In fact, Manitoba's heavy construction industry has led the way for safety certification for over 20 years.

Ray Bissonnette, Safety, Health and Risk Manager for Nelson River Construction, sees COR™ in action constantly.

"COR™ Certification is constantly a part of our day-to-day business," says Bissonnette. "It sets a standard for us to achieve in safety, it's something we have to maintain every day to retain year over year."

In order for businesses to become COR™-certified, companies have to go through a thorough audit of their policies and procedures around safety and health. The audit process recognizes areas where companies are doing well, and areas that could be improved to meet COR™ criteria. In addition, certification provides the required education needed to achieve and maintain the certification.

"The certification not only gives us the tools for our own workplace safety program, it also shows our commitment to health and safety," says Bissonnette. "COR™ is a nationally recognized program that demonstrates the value our organization places on a quality safety management program."

MHCA's WORKSAFELY™ team diligently works to help companies maintain their COR certification.

"We work with the company's internal audit team to ensure they are continually at, or exceeding, what is required," says Randy Olynick, Safety Advisor for WORKSAFELY™. "It's something the WORKSAFELY™ team takes seriously because of what it means to us as a certifying partner."

The COR™ certification goes beyond worker safety. While the health and safety of workers is most important, COR™ certification also contributes to company success.

"Having a safe workplace means less downtime and time loss to workers due to injury," says Bissonnette. "Every part of the company benefits when we're working safely."

"Our long-time partnerships with our industry are important," says Olynick. "We're proud of the national COR™ brand, our dedication to safety and our industry, and we hope it's visible to our companies and the industry each day."