

### 2010 BEST PRACTICES FORUM

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# Techniques for Auditing/Monitoring/Reviewing Your Ethics and Compliance Program

A discussion led by our seasoned veterans and an outside expert on methods to measure the successes and weaknesses of your program. Discussion includes both larger and smaller construction companies.

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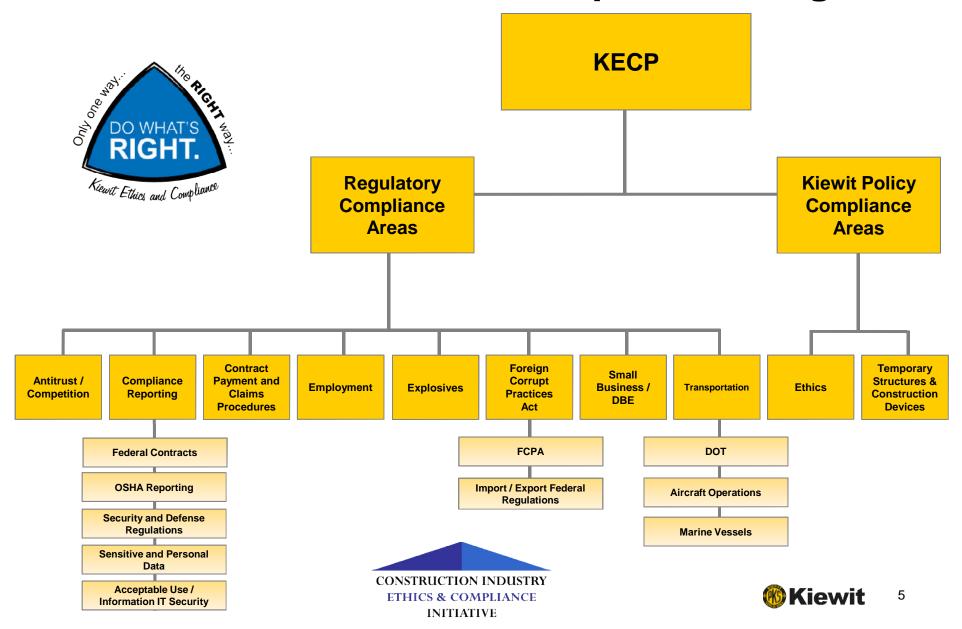
# **Kiewit Ethics and Compliance Program (KECP)**

### **Objective:**

- To drive Ethics and Compliance down to the field level to affect behavior of our employees
- Make it part of our very day business
- ▶ Risk reduction through compliance



### 2010 Kiewit Ethics and Compliance Program



### **KECP Key Elements**

- Management Understanding and Involvement
- Organization Structure and Support
- ▶ Plan Components
  - Know the Requirements
  - Training and Education
  - Performance Measurement
  - Reporting and Accountability
  - Assessments / Risk Evaluation



- Project Self Assessments
- ▶ Internal Audits
- Hotline Reporting
- ► Employee Surveys K22
- ▶ Reviews with Compliance Committee



- Project Self Assessments
  - Performed by District Compliance Coordinator
  - Assess all projects a minimum of once per year
  - Utilize standardized assessment checklists
  - Discovered issues are reported per bubble-up reporting
  - Provides data for trend analysis for improvement



### **Assessment Checklist**

Item No.	Report Level	Item	Verification	Record Provided
1	1	The district utilizes the Joint Venture Formation Form for all Joint Venture Agreements (Appendix 3 of Antitrust/Competition Manual).	Provide a copy of the "Request for Approval – External Joint Venture Formation" Form that is signed by an Executive Committee Member.	
2	3	A copy of the executed Joint Venture Agreement has been submitted to Accounting.	Obtain confirmation through H.O. Accounting that the JV Agreement has been submitted.	
3	1	The district personnel will not exchange pricing information between actual or potential competitors or discuss bid strategies.	Interview individuals in the District that are involved in pricing/estimating (for example, business development, area manager, sponsors, lead estimators, etc).	
4	1	District personnel will not schedule any information exchanges relating to potential mergers or acquisitions without the approval and involvement of the Legal Department per Antitrust / Competition Manual Section V. A.	Interview district manager and area managers. Ask if the district is engaged in any mergers or acquisitions. If yes, then ask if they contacted Legal prior to scheduling any information exchanges.	



### **Bubble-Up Reporting**

Item	Report To	Timeline	
Corporate Reports     Corporate Compliance     Scorecard     Federal Contracts Scorecard	Internal Audit, Corporate     Compliance Committee	Quarterly	
<ul> <li>Corporate CAR Summary</li> <li>District CAR Details</li> <li>Trend Report</li> </ul>	District Managers, Division     Managers – District CAR Details     only sent to the corresponding     district.	Monthly	

<sup>\*</sup> CAR is Corrective Action Report



- ▶ Internal Audits
  - Half of the districts audited each year plus one job from each district (approx 50 locations/yr)
  - Identify new areas to assess
  - Report findings to Senior Management and Audit Committee
  - Work with Compliance Department to enhance program



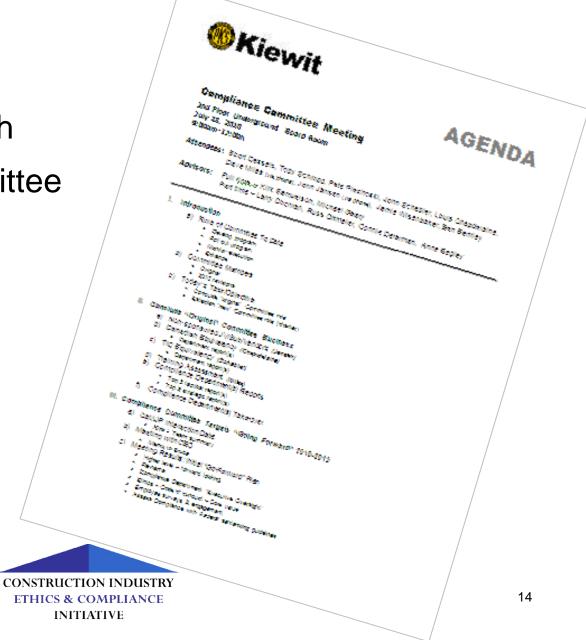
- Hotline Reporting
  - Hotline is administered jointly by Legal / Compliance
  - Any and all violations are expected to be reported to the appropriate manager or anonymously through the Compliance Reporting Hotline
  - Significant issues are reviewed with CCO / Senior
     Management as appropriate



- ► Employee Surveys K-22
  - Administered through HR Department
  - Source of feedback to management for areas to improve
  - Expanding to include questions on Ethics



Review Results with Compliance Committee



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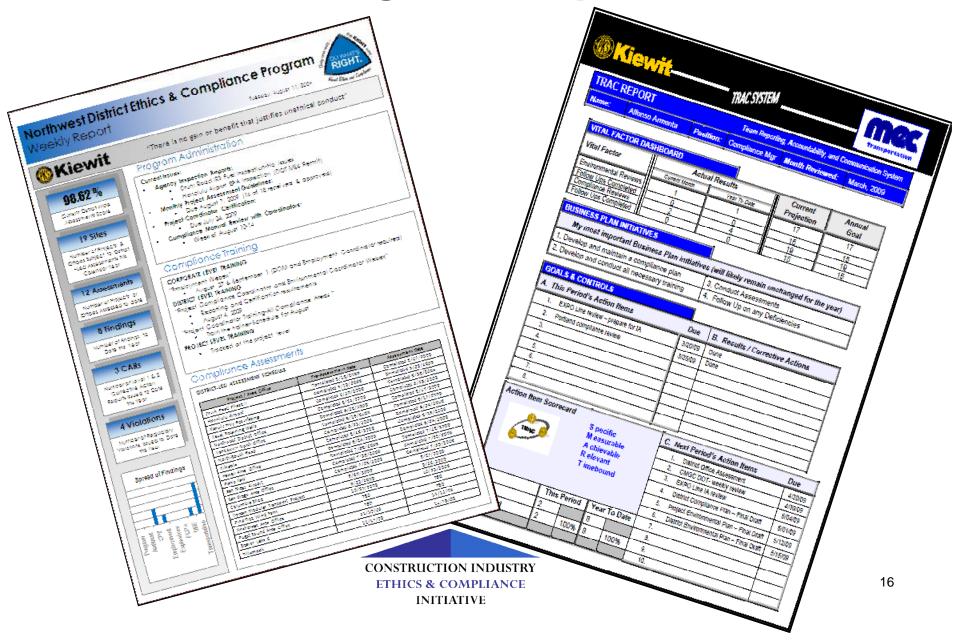
### **Objective:**

- Make it part of our very day business
- Employees have bought in to our Compliance Program
  - Visibility of our program
  - #3 Agenda item at every meeting
  - Request for training
  - Sharing of Best Practices
  - Tracking for Compliance





### **Tracking for Compliance**





# Techniques for Auditing/Monitoring/Reviewing Your Ethics and Compliance Program

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### Establish Clear Objectives for E&C Assurance Reviews

- Measure the Business Units' compliance with its ethics and compliance procedures, policies and other control systems;
- Gauge the effectiveness of the Business Units' formal and de facto procedures;
- Discovery and deterrence of improper conduct and activities; and
- Ensure corrective measures are promptly instituted and carried out.



### **Typical E&C Assurance Reviews**

- ▶ Policies: Are appropriate policies in place?
- Process: Does a process introduce risks not otherwise existing?
- ▶ Procedure: Are procedures routinely followed?



## **Expanded Types of E&C Assurance Reviews**

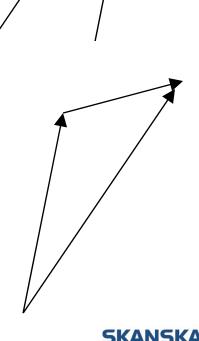
- ▶ Business Operations: Are there systemic issues?
- ► Forward Looking: What are the new and evolving risks?
- ▶ Training: Measure comprehension and retention;
- Corrective: Follow-up on a previous recommendation from a risk assurance assessment or investigation.



# Use all the Available Information to Advance your E&C Program

- ► E&C Assurance Reviews
- ▶ Operational Peer Reviews
- Internal Audits
- Financial Audits
- ► Employee Surveys
- ► Input into Ethics Risk Assessment







# Best Practices in Monitoring Ethics and Compliance Programs

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### US Government's Philosophy on Enforcement

- Prosecutors expect compliance programs to be:
  - Vigorously enforced
  - Strongly supported by senior management and the board
  - Autonomous from management
  - Directly accessible to the board

"Prosecutors are not impressed by flow charts, but only by 'living, breathing, practical programs."

Greg Andres, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, US Dept. of Justice
 ERC Fellows Meeting, July 2010



### **US Philosophy on Enforcement**

- "We are surprised sometimes by the lack of action and seriousness with which some companies respond to misconduct."
- "Business can support deterrence efforts with strong compliance programs that not only deter illegal behavior, but also discourage employees from straying into the 'gray area' of borderline conduct."

Lorin Reisner, Deputy Director, SEC Enforcement Division
 ERC Fellows Meeting, July 2010



### **Measuring Ethics**

Organizations should "otherwise promote an organizational culture that encourages ethical conduct and a commitment to compliance with the law."

- USSC§8B2.1(a)(1)

The organization shall take reasonable steps (B) to evaluate periodically the effectiveness of the organization's compliance and ethics program.

-USSC §8B2.1(b)(5)(A) and (B)

"The question we are going to be looking at fundamentally is, is this a corporation whose culture and structure in some way facilitated or allowed this to happen?"



Criminal Division Chief of Staff, DOJ (2004)

### **Best Practice**

- Program Design Does our program align with FSGO?
  - Code review
  - Systems check
  - Focus groups
  - Internal & external audit
- Program Results What difference are we making?
  - Risk assessment
  - Measurement of employee perceptions and conduct
  - Culture assessment



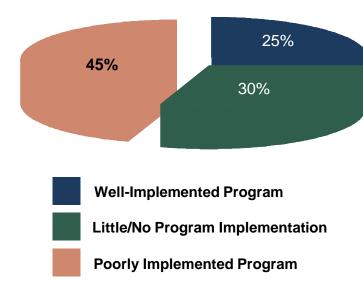
### **Measuring Programs and Culture**

- ► ERC metrics:
  - Well-implemented Program?
  - Strength of Ethical Culture?
  - Impact of Program and Culture on Outcomes?



## Measuring a Well-Implemented Ethics Program

One-quarter of the US workforce say their company has a well-implemented ethics and compliance programs\*



#### **Awareness**

- Written standards of conduct
- Ethics training
- Advice line
- Anonymous or confidential reporting
- Discipline system
- Evaluation of ethical conduct

#### **Implementation**

- Willingness to seek ethics advice
- Receipt of positive feedback for ethical conduct
- Employee preparedness for misconduct
- Mgmt can be questioned without fear
- Rewards for following ethics standards
- Questionable means NOT rewarded



### Measuring a Strong Ethical Culture

#### **Ethical Leadership**

- Satisfied with information from top management
- Trust top management to keep promises and commitments
- Top management talks about importance of doing the right thing
- Top management would be held accountable
- Top management sets a good example
- Top management supports employees
- Top management does not tolerate retaliation

### Coworker Commitment \_\_\_\_\_ Embedded Values

- Trust coworkers to keep promises and commitments
- Coworkers talk about importance of doing the right thing
- Coworkers set a good example
- Coworkers support the employee
- Coworkers consider ethical issues
- Non-management employees would be held accountable

#### **Supervisor Reinforcement**

- Satisfied with information from direct supervisor
- Trust direct supervisor to keep promises and commitments
- Direct supervisor talks about importance of doing the right thing
- Direct supervisor would be held accountable
- Direct supervisor sets a good example
- Direct supervisor supports the employee
- Direct supervisor provides positive feedback
- When employees in my company make business decisions they consider the effect on:
  - Society and community
  - The environment
  - Employee well-being
  - Future generations

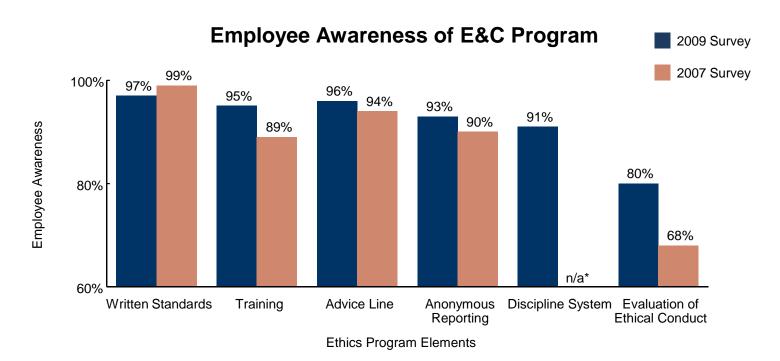


### **Measuring Expected Results**

- Fewer observations of misconduct
- Decreased pressure to compromise standards
- Increased reporting
- Less exposure to risk
- Better prepared for situations involving risk
- Improved satisfaction with organization
- Employee engagement



## Sample Analysis – Industry Benchmarks

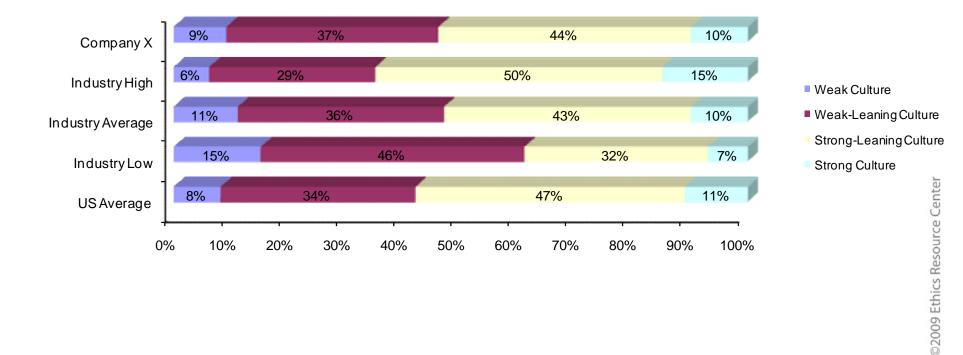


<u>Benchmarks</u>											
2008 Industry Average	99%	99%	99%	98%	97%	89%					
2007 Industry Average	99.8%	97%	97%	96%	n/a	75%					
2008 US Average	83%	75%	65%	80%	88%	67%					
2007 US Average	83%	65%	63%	71%	n/a	n/a					



### **Analysis – Industry**

#### **Employee Perceptions of the Strength of the Ethical Culture**



### **Benchmarking**

- All benchmarks are not alike. Be wary of:
  - Organizational differences
  - Sampling / delivery differences
  - Timing of surveys
- Compare to industry high and low performers in addition to the average
- ▶ Be sure question sets are consistent



### **ERC Research and Resources**

- Too Big to Regulate? Preventing Misconduct in the Private Sector (2010)
- 2009 National Business Ethics Survey
- The Importance of Ethical Culture: Increasing Trust and Driving Down Risk (2009)
- Reporting: Who's Telling You What You Need to Know, Who Isn't and What You Can Do About It (2009)
- Leading Corporate Integrity: Defining the Role of the Chief Ethics & Compliance Officer (2007)
- Improving Ethical Outcomes: The Role of Ethics Training (2007)
  All available at www.ethics.org



### **Questions?**



### **SKANSKA**



