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## **Indiana Laborers Training Fund Announces New ICRA Comprehensive Training Program**

*Hoosier Job Creation and New Markets are Top Priorities*

**Indianapolis, November 6, 2013:** The Indiana Laborers District Council announced today a comprehensive new *Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA)* training program.

For years hospitals and healthcare facilities have sought to decrease the risk of airborne pathogens and protect patients from secondary infections associated with occupied facility construction, renovation, and demolition activities. As a result, *Infection Control Risk Assessment (ICRA)* was created to develop policies and procedures to prevent secondary infections during facility construction projects.

In partnership with the LIUNA Training and Education Fund, our state-of-the-art training centers in Bedford and Logansport Indiana have been the established leaders in environmental remediation for over thirty years. This wealth of experience combined with our accredited ICRA curriculum will ensure patient, worker and public safety in any occupied facility where construction activities take place.

*"We are proud to offer unparalleled training in this crucial field."* said Frank Degraw, Business Manager of the Indiana Laborers District Council. DeGraw added, *"We recognize that it is our friends and families who will be the patients at these facilities, and we want to ensure that all of the construction and renovation work done there is performed by the most highly-skilled and best trained workforce available."*

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At the core of LIUNA's ICRA training program are two accredited courses: *ICRA for Occupied Facilities Awareness* and *ICRA for Occupied Facilities Worker* course.

- **ICRA for Occupied Facilities Awareness Course:** Provides an awareness of the causes for secondary infection, the importance of infection control, and procedures for properly conducting construction activities within an occupied healthcare facility. This 8-hour awareness course is designed for workers who perform construction tasks in occupied facilities.

- **ICRA for Occupied Facilities Worker Course:** This 24-hour course builds upon the 8-hour awareness course providing additional information on structures and controls needed to prevent the spread of infection. It is designed for individuals working in occupied facilities who perform construction tasks *and* have responsibility for building, maintenance and deconstruction of structures and controls associated with work area containment.

*"The Indiana Laborers Training Fund has provided the finest training in the construction industry for over 45 years." said the Fund's Director Sean Coakley. Coakley added, "LIUNA Training has always set the standard for construction and environmental remediation skills training and through our comprehensive, third-party accredited ICRA program courses we are proud to provide our signatory contractors the safest, most knowledgeable and efficient workforce in the industry."*

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