

# VIRGINIA BEST



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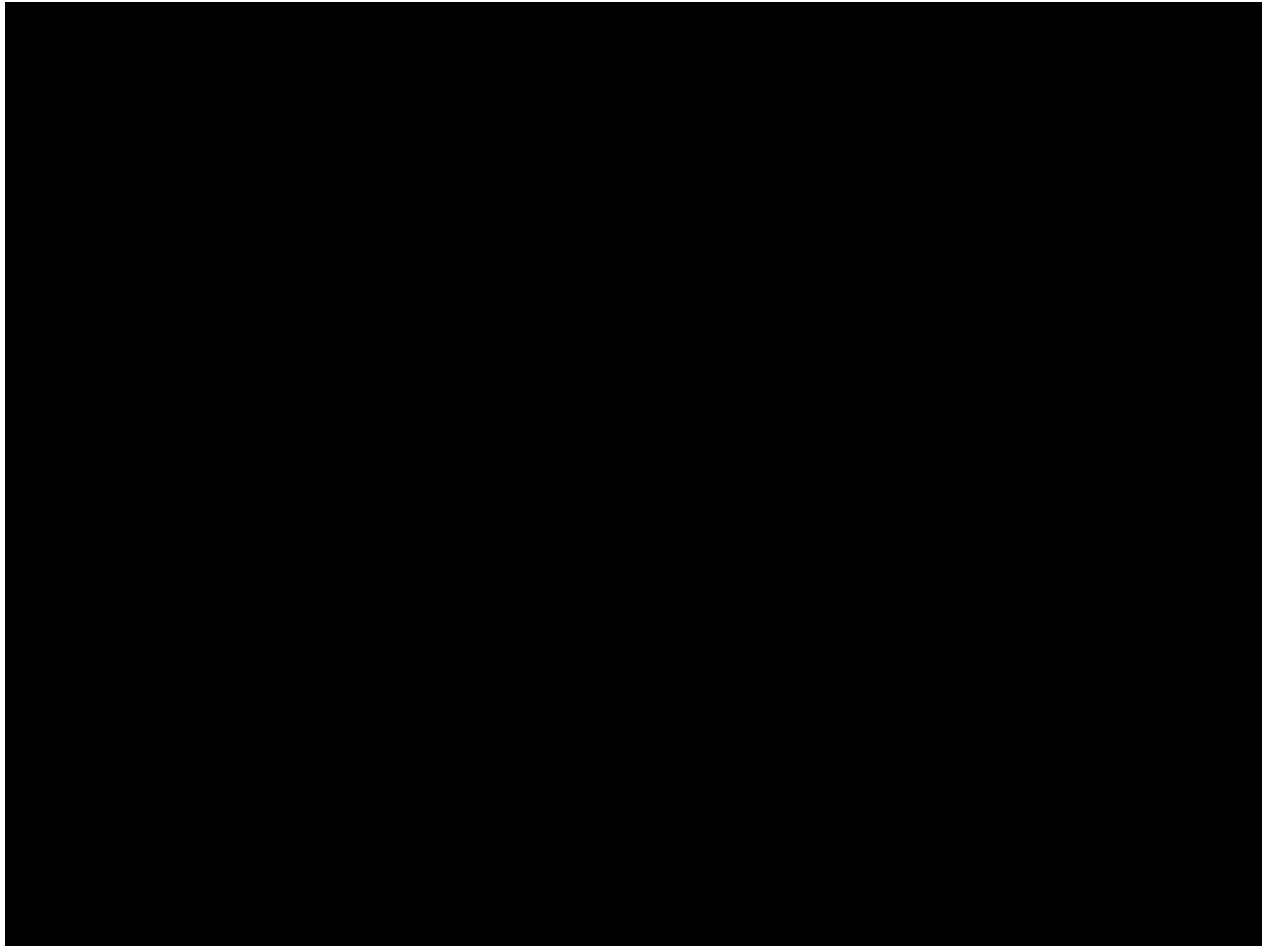
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- Expected benefits of the BEST Program.
- What is a SHMS (Safety & Health Management System)?
- Basics elements of a SHMS (Safety & Health Management System)

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- Goals of the program.
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# What is Virginia BEST?

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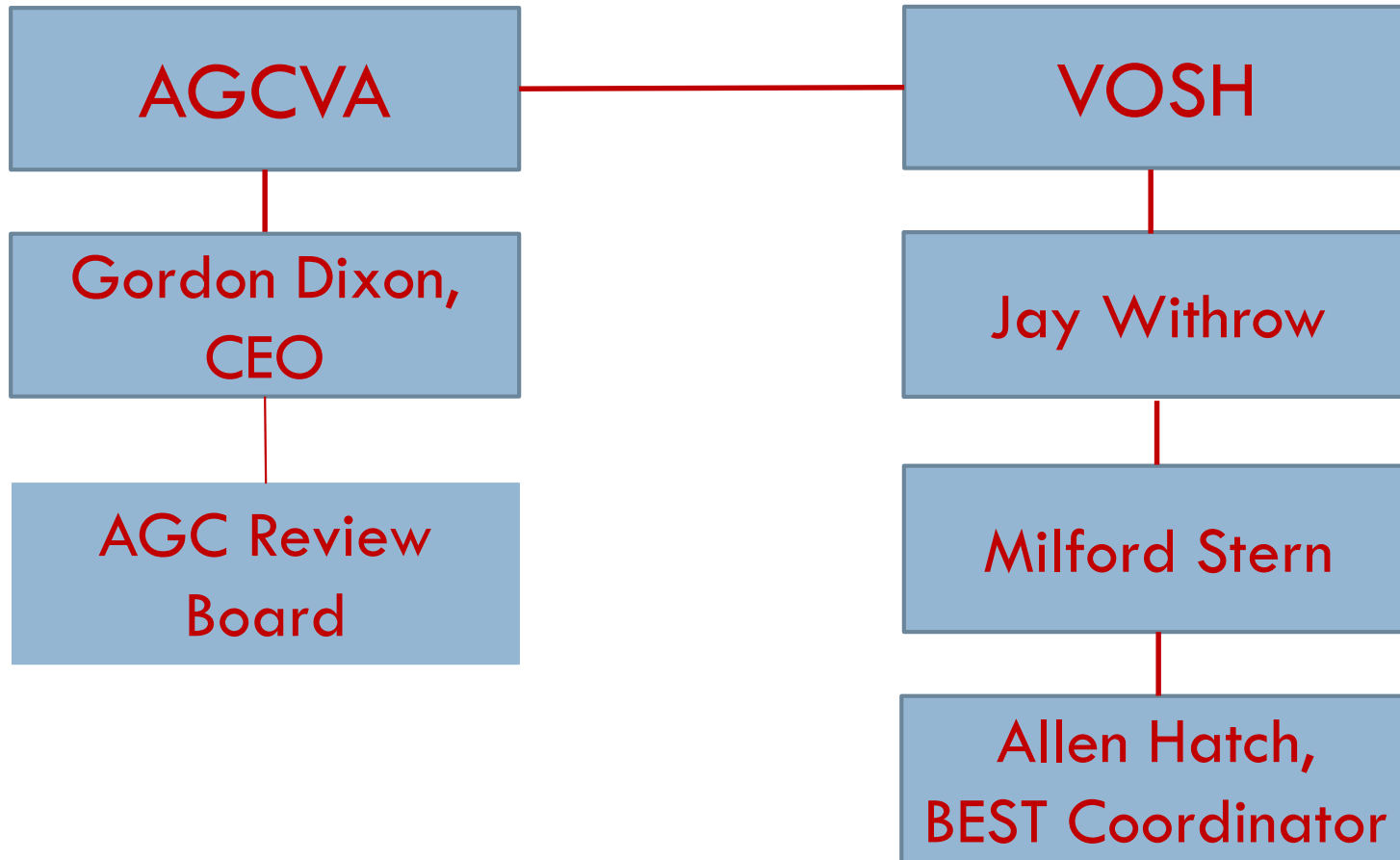
## BEST

**B**uilding **E**xcellence in **S**afety, Health &  
**T**raining

- A strategic partnership between VOSH & the  
**A**ssociated **G**eneral **C**ontractors of Virginia

# Who is Virginia BEST?

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# Expected Benefits of BEST

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- Increased focus on employee safety and health at all levels of the participant's organization.
- Increased employee involvement in safety and health issues.
- Increased cost savings through lower injury rates and Workers' Compensation costs.



# Benefits of BEST

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- Improved and/or revised safety and health policies and procedures.
- Increased consultative efforts with VOSH

# So what is a Safety & Health Management System? (SHMS)

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Is a coordinated and systematic approach to managing health and safety risks through mentoring, training and progress tracking.

# So what is a Safety & Health Management System? (SHMS)

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There are many different SHMS's out there:  
VPP, ISO, IATA, OHSAS are just a few.

They generally share some common features to identify, assess and control risks.

***Virginia BEST is one of those SHMS's.***

# Basic Elements

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- There are four major elements to the program:
  - Management Commitment & Employee Involvement
  - Worksite Analysis
  - Hazard Prevention & Control
  - Safety & Health Training

# Goals of the BEST Program

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- To reduce by three (3) percent annually the number of injuries, illnesses and fatalities.
- To increase the number of construction contractors that implement effective safety & health management systems

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- To recognize those contractors where managers & employees work together to develop safety & health management systems.
- To promote open lines of communication between VOSH and the construction industry.



# Goals of the BEST Program

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- To create ways to share expertise and other resources among participating companies.
- To recognize best practices that exceed VOSH/OSHA laws, standards & regulations.

# BEST...the Basics

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- Virginia BEST is based on VPP Challenge Concepts.
- This program is only for construction sites.
- The following are the three levels that will guide participants:

# BEST...the Basics

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## level I – Assess, Learn, and Develop

This is considered the “application” level of the program. At this level, the employer has developed & implemented an effective safety & health management system that meets current VOSH regulatory requirements

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## level II – Implement, Track, and Control

The employer has established an effective safety & health management system that exceeds current VOSH regulatory requirements.

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➤ **level III** – Reassess, Monitor, and Improve  
The employer has an exceptional safety & health management system that serves as a model for other construction employers in the Commonwealth.

NOTE: an employer is not a “BEST” company until successful completion of level III

# Current Status

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- Currently this is a **pilot program** with only one company actively working on the process.
- AGCVA will handle the initial review of applications & approval of Level I participants.



# Program Contacts

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# More Information

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## Virginia Business Article

[www.virginiabusiness.com/news/article/new-volunteer-safety-program-begun-for-states-construction-industry](http://www.virginiabusiness.com/news/article/new-volunteer-safety-program-begun-for-states-construction-industry)

## BEST Website

[www.doli.virginia.gov/vosh\\_enforcement/BEST\\_program.html](http://www.doli.virginia.gov/vosh_enforcement/BEST_program.html)