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Benchmarking Best Practices

The Benchmarking Committee is in the planning stages to kick-off Benchmarking Phase III. Benchmarking is one of several COAA Best Practices aimed at improving productivity through improved information and planning.

The success of Benchmarking Phase III lies in the collection and assessment of data as a tool to improve performance. The data, analyses and benchmarking insights from this project provide important information regarding the effectiveness of COAA Best Practices, such as Advanced Work Packaging. Companies participating in Phase III will also



have access to the Construction Industry Institute’s 10/10 Leading Indicators, which provides the tools for companies to steer their projects toward success and make

necessary changes along the way. Rather than measuring an end result, these tools can directly affect project outcomes. The project data provides a simplified, forward-looking, real-time project management tool through which Alberta-specific correlations can be developed between leading indicators and lagging key performance indicators of completed projects.

Why become involved with this Best Practice? Participating companies receive the knowledge gained from the project such as definitions, processes and access to the database. Database access provides organizations with the ability to benchmark their organization against Alberta-specific project averages. This access also provides companies with the opportunity to measure adjustments and improvements made during the life of the project.



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A website and eNewsletter will be launched in the coming weeks. A Special Report was published by APIN in August 2016 and has been downloaded more than 450 times - the survey was completed by more than 100 people. This report can be download and viewed by [clicking here](#). The second Special Report is currently being developed.

Please stay tuned for the launch of the APIN website and eNewsletter – if you have questions, please contact Amanda at amanda@coaa.ab.ca. If you would like more information on COAA partnerships or APIN, please feel free to reach out to Larry at larry@coaa.ab.ca.

Welcome to the Team!

COAA welcomes two new members to the COAA team: Neil Shelly, Executive Director and Amanda Rose, Communications Officer.



Fun Fact: My favourite food is Oriental

Neil, originally from Grande Prairie, comes to COAA from Alberta’s Industrial Heartland Association where he helped lead the organization’s efforts to attract and plan for new investments in the downstream sector of the energy industry. Neil’s focus as COAA’s new Executive Director is to build on all the great work already done and continue to look for ways to achieve the vision of Twice as Safe, Twice as Productive by 2020.



Fun Fact: I’m an animal lover! I have a dog, two cats and a horse!

Amanda Rose, COAA’s new Communications Officer is eager to jump in and help COAA with their communications needs. Amanda, originally from New Brunswick, comes to us with more than five years of experience in the communications industry. With previous experience in government, non-profit, education and health, Amanda has a wide range of knowledge that she looks forward to bringing to COAA. With Alberta being her new home, she looks forward to helping further create a safe and productive province to live in.

Twice as Safe, Twice as Productive by 2020



Have you checked out COAA’s Twice as Safe, Twice as Productive by 2020 Success Stories? You can read them all by clicking [here](#) or visiting <http://www.coaa.ab.ca/2S2PBy2020.aspx>.

Do you have a success story you’d like to share with us? Please contact Amanda at amanda@coaa.ab.ca.

About COAA

COAA provides leadership to enable the Alberta heavy industrial construction and industrial maintenance industries to be successful in our drive for safe, effective, timely and productive execution. We achieve this by:

- Stimulating positive change based on shared vision
- Providing a forum for dialogue, common understanding and shared vision among owners, contractors, labour providers and governments
- Creating and championing implementation of Best Practices in the construction industry
- Bringing new ideas to construction industry and government leaders

Updates

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Best Practices Conference – May 9-10, 2017

More information and details to come. Registration for the Best Practices Conference will open around the end of February 2017. All members will be notified when registration is open.

A Note of Thanks

This past May, an unfortunate and devastating event occurred in Fort McMurray. At the 2016 Best Practices Conference, members donated toward the 2016 Alberta Fires through the Canadian Red Cross to help those affected recover and rebuild their lives. Thank you to everyone for their donations.



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