

Construction Safety Officer Certification Program **“An Exciting Future”**

The ASTTBC Construction Safety Officer Certification Program has undergone a series of very significant changes over the past few months, all designed to dramatically "raise the bar". Some important features are:

- *A completely redesigned CSO Certification Policy which is "Competency and Learning Outcome" based,*
- *Certification will now be a three tiered process, starting with 'Provisional' CSO to full CSO and finally leading to "Registered" CSO,*
- *Requirements for "on the job and in the role" experience have been raised to reflect the critical role a CSO plays in the construction environment,*
- *Each category of designation requires strict adherence to the ASTTBC CPD Policy and all reclassifications will include an audit of the applicant's CPD record,*

As a direct result of these improvements, the hard work of the CSO Certification Board and the strong support of our accredited trainers, registrations increased almost 20% in 2013. The number of CSO Registrants is greater than ever before and we are receiving strong and vocal support for the changes from across industry and registrants. Many thanks go to members of the Construction Safety Certification Board (CSCB) for their diligence and professionalism in making this transition a reality. The members of the CSCB are; Bruce Jackson CRSP (Chair), Joe Collins CSO (Vice Chair), Sam Livingston CSO, Erin Patrick Williams CSO, Jim Nicholson CSO, Barry Manfield CSO, George Scott (CSO Pending), Jim Hughes (CSO Pending). In addition, each of the ASTTBC Accredited CSO Trainers are represented, including; John Denis (BCIT), JF Landry (ER Plus Risk Management) and Leslie Norris (Care Institute of Safety)