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ONE BASIN- *One Way!* announces standardized contractor orientation program and providers

Bismarck, N.D. – The North Dakota Petroleum Council is proud to announce the launch of **ONE BASIN- *One Way!***, a standardized contractor safety orientation program. The **ONE BASIN- *One Way!*** advisory committee has selected the North Dakota Safety Council, TrainND Northwest, and Diamond B to provide the standardized training.

Currently, contractors for the oil and gas industry must meet orientation and training requirements for each company they perform work for throughout the year. The average contractor sits through 4-8 orientations, with similar material being presented each time. This adds up to almost 1.25 million lost manhours due to redundant training. Members of the North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) identified this duplicative training as an area they could increase efficiency. Last spring, they began developing a standardized orientation program with input from 99 committee members including producers, contractors and training providers.

These efforts produced the **ONE BASIN- *One Way!*** program, an orientation program that covers safety orientation at all producer's sites. This will eliminate the need for contractors to sit through hours of orientations at every site where they work. Simplifying what contractors need to learn will also lead to a better understanding of the rules and guidelines at all sites, safer work practices, and fewer injuries. By consolidating these individual programs into one program delivering fifty five prominent safety topics, the **ONE BASIN- *One Way!*** program will deliver a robust safety orientation while concentrating on improving the overall industry safety record.

To provide the training, the **ONE BASIN- *One Way!*** advisory committee selected the North Dakota Safety Council, TrainND Northwest, and Diamond B.

The **North Dakota Safety Council (NDSC)** is a private non-profit whose mission is to reduce injuries and save lives through effective training techniques in a diverse lineup of courses. The NDSC provides training all across the region utilizing 11 full- and part-time safety consultants. The NDSC has a proven track record with standardized safety training due to its work with the Energy Coalition for Contractor Safety (ECCS).

TrainND Northwest is a training organization with a mission to provide North Dakota with a safe and highly skilled workforce. TrainND NW is located in Williston, ND, and is powered by Williston State College. They have a proven track record of delivering contractor orientations and building custom trainings. TrainND has multiple trainers on staff with a passion for safety and a wealth of experience in the oil & gas industry.

Diamond B has an office in Fargo, ND with a large presence in the Bakken. They developed a software platform called ProCertX which was built specifically for the training and certification challenges subcontractors and producers face. ProCertX delivers value-added solutions that reduce administrative workload through a highly scalable, modern, cloud-based solution.

This coalition will provide training as well as database management to assist companies and contractors in tracking who has attended training and when it must be completed again. The North Dakota Petroleum Council is encouraging all its members to join the **ONE BASIN- One Way!** program so we can see increased efficiencies and safety across the oil and gas workforce in North Dakota. **ONE BASIN- One Way!** will have a formal kickoff on February 19, 2019, in conjunction with the NDSC annual safety conference.

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About the North Dakota Petroleum Council

Since 1952, the Petroleum Council has been the primary voice of the oil and gas industry in North Dakota. The Petroleum Council represents more than 500 companies involved in all aspects of the oil and gas industry, including oil and gas production, refining, pipeline, mineral leasing, consulting, legal work, and oil field service activities in North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Rocky Mountain Region. For more information, go to www.ndoil.org.

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