The New Zealand Construction Clients Group





Meeting No. 4

when: Wednesday, 5th March 2008, 9am to 12pm

host: **Department of Labour**

where: Ernst & Young Boardroom, Majestic Centre, Level 24, 100 Willis Street,

Wellington

theme: Workplace Health & Safety - Principles for Principals

WELCOME

Contractor safety is a major and increasingly important issue for many businesses, particularly in the construction sector.

The benefits of well-managed contracts are available to contractors of all sizes, as well as their clients. Any industry or company with effective health and safety systems is more likely to deliver customers high quality goods and services. Effective "good practice" arrangements between principals and contractors provide substantial ongoing benefits to both parties, including:

- reduced risk of accidents and ill health
- greater customer (client) and supplier (contractor) satisfaction
- fewer incidents, losses, problems, stoppages and delays
- less management time required to deal with problems
- continuous improvement
- financial savings.

More particularly, there is evidence New Zealand needs to significantly improve its accident rate in industries with high contracting levels. Contractual organisation of worksites has long been recognised as an underlying cause of accident rates in these industries.

Come along to:

- Gain a legal perspective from **Simon Penlington (Partner, Jones Fee law firm)** on the case law around the principal-contractor relationship. How is this relationship playing out in practice?
- What does good practice look like? Get a practitioner's view of the principal-contractor relationship from Maurie Rohloff, Health & Safety Manager, Lower North Island, Fletcher Construction.
- Participate in an open discussion on how the principal-contractor relationship can be strengthened to improve workplace health, safety and productivity and what would assist this occurring.

Close around 12pm with lunch & networking

