

## **OSHA 10-HOUR BILL SIGNED**

On July 18<sup>th</sup> Governor Spitzer signed legislation that requires workers on NYS public projects to be certified as having completed an OSHA 10-hour course.

Specifically, this new law requires that specifications for every public work construction contract (state agencies, municipalities, school districts) valued at more than \$250,000 contain a provision requiring that all on-site laborers, workers and mechanics employed in the performance of the contract or a subcontract to be certified, prior to performing any work on the project, as having successfully completed a 10-hour course. This legislation also requires the Department of Labor to develop regulations regarding enforcement of the 10-hour requirement.

The law will become effective on July 18, 2008.