## **Program Outline**

### Day 1 (8 Hours)

### Chapter 1 - Orientation to the Job

- Overview of the Construction Industry Today
- ► Historical Importance of the Construction Industry
- ► Growth & Economics of the Construction Industry
- Changing Values of Workers
- ► Role and importance of Training
- ► New Technologies
- ► The Internet/E-Mail/E-Commerce
- ► Other Communication Sources
- ► Gender, Age, and Minority Issues
- Communication Styles: Men vs. Women
- Language Barriers
- ► Simple Communication Skills
- Cultural Differences
- Sexual Harassment
- ► Types of Construction Projects
- ► Common Characteristics of Construction Projects
- ► The Construction Organization
- ► Organization of the Underground Utility Construction
- Division of Responsibility within the Company
- ► Authority and Responsibility of the Crew Leader
- ▶ Job Descriptions Purpose and Content
- ► Utility Crew Job Descriptions
- Company Policies and

#### Chapter 2 – Leadership Skills

- Supervisory Roles in Utility Construction
- ► Shift in Work Activities
- ► Becoming a Leader
- ► Characteristics of Leaders
- ► Expected Leadership Behavior
- ► Functions of a Leader
- ▶ What kind of Leader Are You?
- ► Leadership Styles
- ► Ethics in Leadership
- ► Forms of Communication
- ► Verbal Communication
- ► Non-Verbal Communication
- ▶ Written or Visual Communication
- ► Motivation Employee Motivators
- ► Team Building
- Delegating Responsibilities
- ► Implementing Policies and Procedures
- ▶ Decision Making Versus Problem Solving
- ► Types of Decisions
- ► Problem Solving Techniques
- ► Identifying and Handling Special Leadership Problem

### Day 2 (8 Hours)

### Chapter 3 - Safety

- Safety Overview
- Construction Accident Statistics
- Cost of Accidents (direct and indirect)
- Insured Cost of Accidents
- ► Uninsured Cost of Accidents
- ► Federal Safety Regulations
- ► Workplace Inspections
- ► Penalties for Violations
- Safety and Health ProgramsSafety Policies and Procedures
- ► Hazard Identification and Assessment in Utility
- Sources of Safety Information and Training
- Safety Records Systems
- Crew Leader's Role in Safety
- Safety Meetings
- ► In-House Safety Inspections
- ► First Aid
- ► Fire Protection and Prevention
- Substance Abuse
- Accident Investigation
- ► Promoting Safety

### Chapter 4 - Project Control

- Project Control Overview
- Phases of Construction
- ► Project Delivery Systems in Utility Construction
- Overview of Planning (what is it and why plan?)
  - Stages of Planning in Utility Construction
- ► The Planning Process
- ► Planning Materials, Equipment and Tools
- ► Planning Labor
- ► Planning Aides
- ► Estimating Importance of Good Estimating
- ► Estimating Processes
- Estimating Material Quantities
- ► Scheduling
  - Cost Awareness and Control
- Field Reporting Systems
- Resource Controls and Processes
- ► Material Control
- ► Equipment and Tools Control
- ► Labor Control
- ► Labor Productivity
- Project Production and Productivity Crew Leader's

# Leadership Skills Exam

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