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ISA Ontario, jointly with the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA), is happy to announce that as of the first of September 2016 all members of ISA Ontario will receive special rates for IHSA products and services. Typically, ISAO members will see 50% off of what they used to pay for IHSA training.

Training is a critical component of competency as defined by the Occupational Health and Safety Act, and training records are critical for tree care companies to demonstrate due diligence. Workplace Safety and Prevention Services (WSPS) and a handful of training organizations like Arboriculture Canada already provide excellent training resources to our industry. This new partnership provides new training and auditing options for tree care companies in Ontario. This partnership goes a long way to meet the mandate of the ISA Ontario, Safety Committee to *“provide our membership with support and resources to help build effective and compliant safety programs and keep our members up-to-date with the most recent safety regulations”*, while at the same time, furthers the IHSA mission to *“to develop sector-specific partnerships and support their implementation of prevention solutions that provide continuous improvement in health and safety performance.”*

It is our hope that by working together, ISA Ontario and our partners will be able to work towards workplaces with fewer injuries, illnesses, and fatalities; a safe, professional industry where training and education are valued and are considered its' foundation.

IHSA is a leader in health and safety education. Through skills-based training, auditing, and evaluation, they provide safety solutions to those who perform high-risk activities such as working at heights, working with energized high-voltage power systems, driving motor vehicles, transporting dangerous goods, working on suspended access equipment, and utility line clearing.

They incorporate a research-based educational methodology in everything they do, from the needs assessment stage through to program development, delivery, and evaluation. This comprehensive evaluation framework, which measures program and performance outcomes, is a critical element in high-risk activity education.

ISA Ontario members who wish to take advantage of this tremendous MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT, whether it's training in Working at Heights, Fall Protection Inspection, Basics of Supervision, Traffic Control, Lift truck, 0-8 Mobile Crane, to Defensive Driving, In-Cab evaluations, TDG to Tree Trimming Techniques, Chainsaw Operation and Safety and Awareness for Line Clearing as well as Electrical Safety Awareness – High Voltage, Hydraulic Aerial Devices and Rescue Techniques, should contact IHSA directly at <https://www.ihsa.ca/training/services.aspx>