



UTILITY SAFETY PARTNERS | TRAINING STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Training Standards

British Columbia
BCCGA
Common Ground Alliance

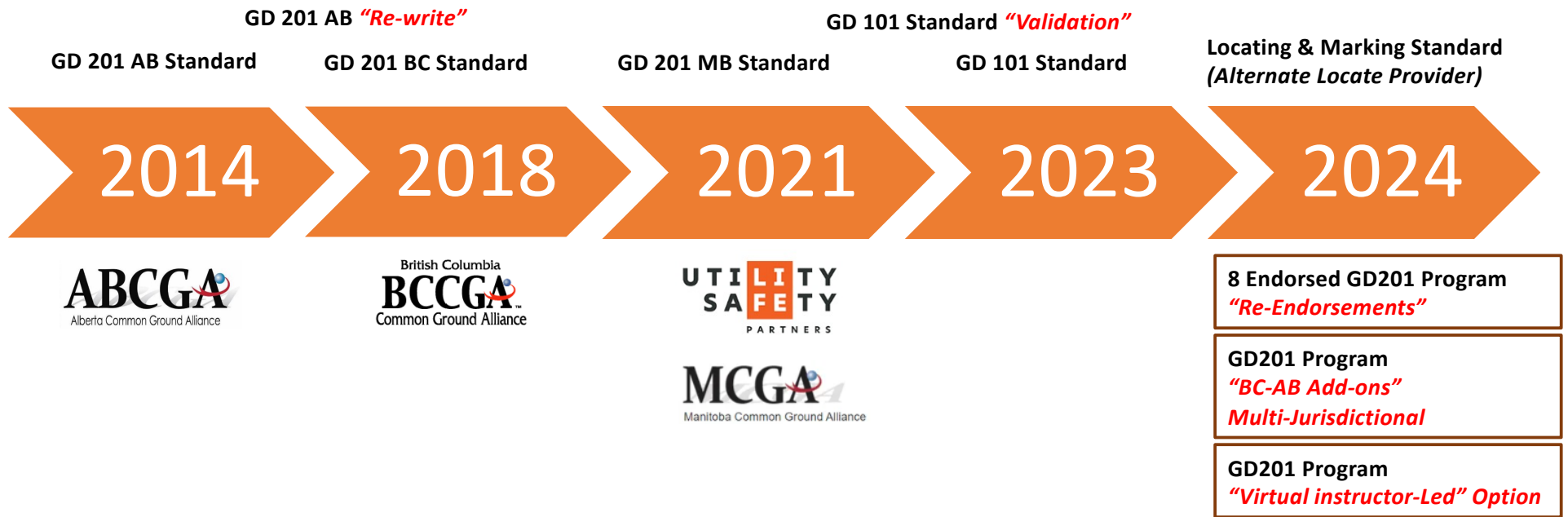
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Introduction

Training Standard Committee Objectives

- ✓ Identify, develop, implement and maintain a suite of training program standards for delivery through current and emerging channels.
 - ✓ Conform with USP's document management process to ensure currency of minimum training program content.
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- Subject training organizations' training programs to the assessment and endorsement protocol.
 - Assist applicants in their pursuit of endorsement of their training programs;
 - Work cooperatively with the established subcommittees and teams within the USP framework.
 - Work cooperatively with the Common Ground Alliance Regional Partners in a spirit of shared responsibility to enhance training standards.

Training Standards Chronology



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TSC Program Endorsement Process

Apply for Access	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
Formal application to access the STANDARD for purposes of developing a training program for endorsement submission must be approved by Chair of the TSC against the established criteria.	Evaluation of the content of the Applicant's program. The audit ensures program content satisfies minimum requirements specified in the STANDARD.	Evaluation of Applicants internal systems and processes that support the program. Ensures protection of student information, and integrity of examinations, certificate granting, tracking, and verification.	Evaluation of Applicant's presentation/delivery of the program. Ensures minimum content is presented accurately and in accordance with Stage 1 submission & the Applicant's internal processes.
Potential endorsed training provider will be given the STANDARD they have applied for and/or advised of the TSC Chair approval.	Applicants program must meet the Stage 1 requirements before progressing to Stage 2	Applicants program must meet the Stage 2 requirements before progressing to Stage 3	Applicants program must meet the Stage 3 requirements. CONDITIONS of ENDORSEMENT must be executed; and all applicable fees must be paid before the training program is considered endorsed.

UTILITY SAFETY PARTNERS TRAINING STANDARDS COMMITTEE (TSC) CONDITIONS OF ENDORSEMENT

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The developers of ground disturbance training programs that will go through the TSC's rigorous assessment process and become endorsed by the USP may wish to allow other entities to use or have access to those programs through a variety of ways. Utility Safety Partners must recognize that these arrangements do and will continue to exist. It is incumbent on both the USP and those training providers whose programs have been endorsed to protect:

- a) the integrity of the Standard
- b) the endorsement process and USP's intellectual property
- c) the integrity of training certificates
- d) the integrity of the TSC and USP
- e) the value of having an endorsed program to the training provider; and
- f) the elimination of any potential risk of confusion to the potential purchasers of ground disturbance training.

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Endorsed Training Providers

Ground Disturbance 201 Standard (British Columbia)

The following training providers are currently endorsed by Utility Safety Partners as meeting the **Ground Disturbance 201 Standard (British Columbia)**.

Online Training Programs

- [Astec Safety Inc.](#)
- [Danatec Educational Services Ltd. / Global Training Centre](#)
- [SafetyVantage](#)

Instructor-Led Training Programs

- [Astec Safety Inc.](#)
- [Global Training Centre](#)
- [OH&S Safety Consulting & Training](#)

Ground Disturbance 201 Standard (Alberta)

The following training providers are currently endorsed by Utility Safety Partners as meeting the **Ground Disturbance 201 Standard (Alberta)**.

Online Training Programs

- [Astec Safety Inc.](#)
- [Danatec Educational Services Ltd. / Global Training Centre](#)
- [International Union Operating Engineers Local 955 \(IUOE955\)](#)
- [SafetyVantage](#)

Instructor-Led Training Programs

- [Astec Safety Inc.](#)
- [Global Training Centre](#)
- [OH&S Safety Consulting & Training](#)

Ground Disturbance 101 Standard

The following training providers are currently endorsed by Utility Safety Partners as meeting the **Ground Disturbance 101 Standard**.

Online Training Programs

- [Astec Safety Inc.](#)
- [Danatec Educational Services Ltd. / Global Training Centre](#)

Instructor-Led Training Programs

- [Astec Safety Inc.](#)
- [Global Training Centre](#)

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Endorsed Training Providers

Locating and Marking Standard

The following training providers are currently endorsed by Utility Safety Partners as meeting the **Locating and Marking Standard**.

This training is a required element of the Alternate Locate Provider Program for individuals who wish to register as an ALSP.

Instructor-Led Training Programs (Locating 101)

- [Astec Safety Inc.](#)
- [Global Training Centre](#)

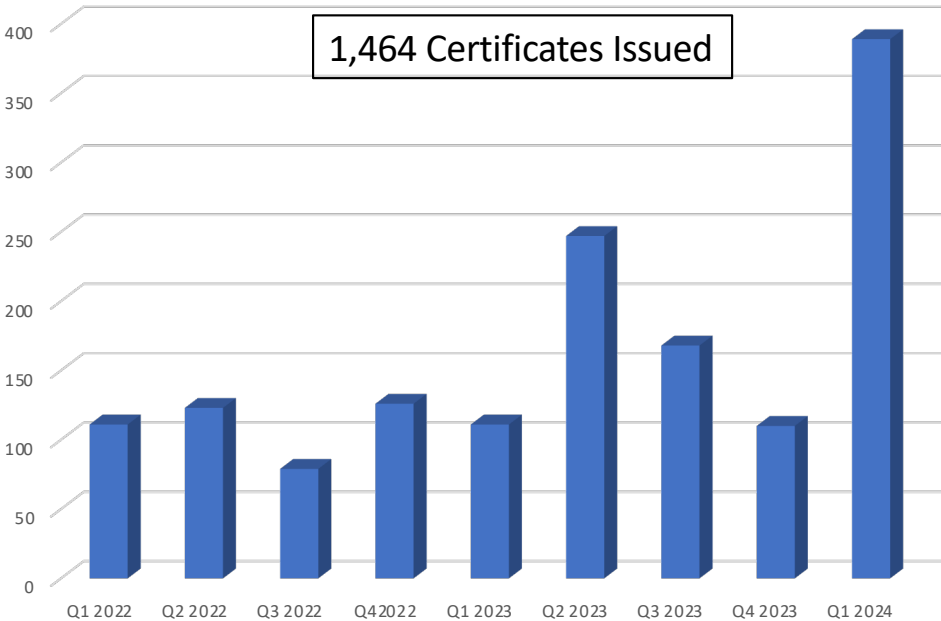
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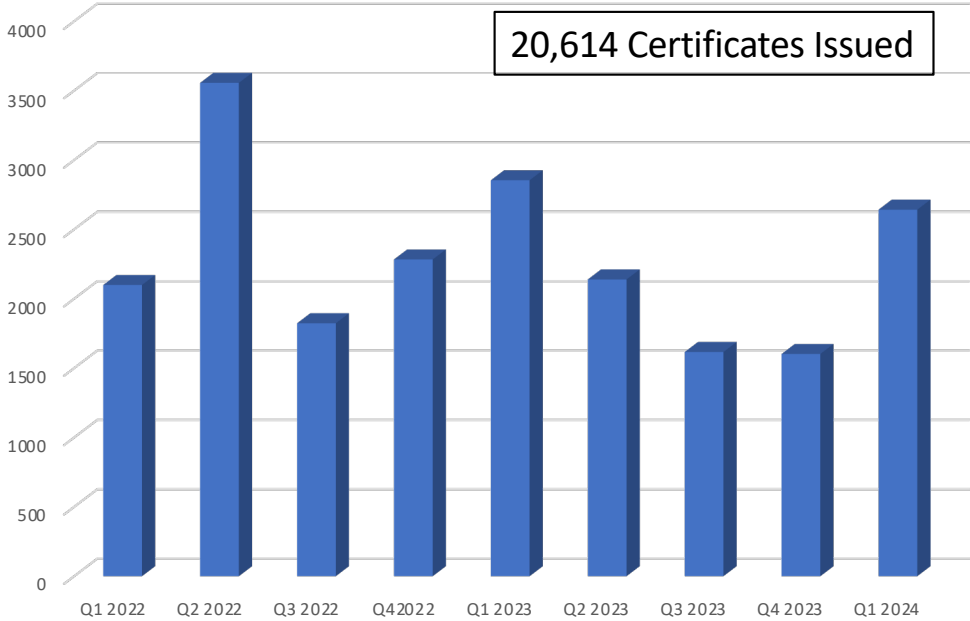


Ground Disturbance 201 Instructor Led (Classroom)

BC 201 Classroom



AB 201 Classroom

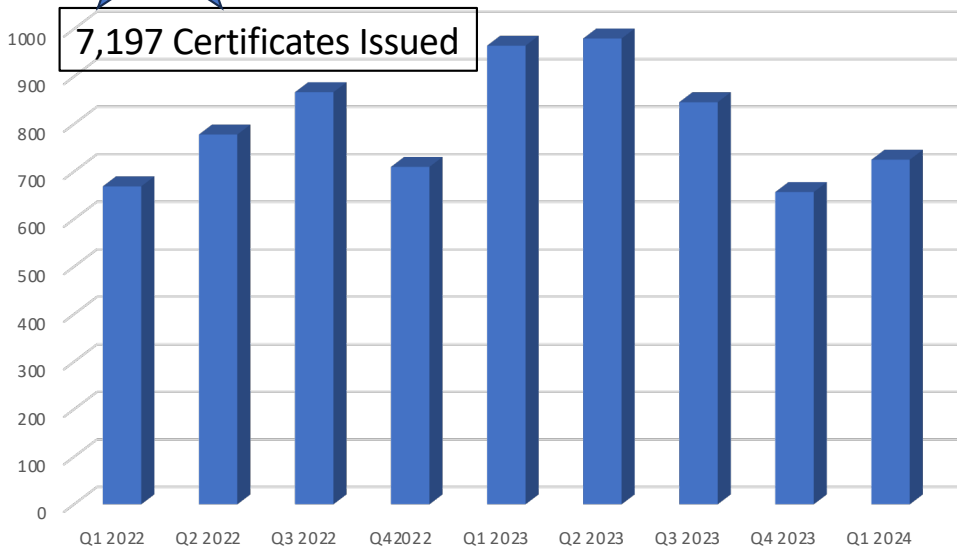


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Ground Disturbance 201 Online

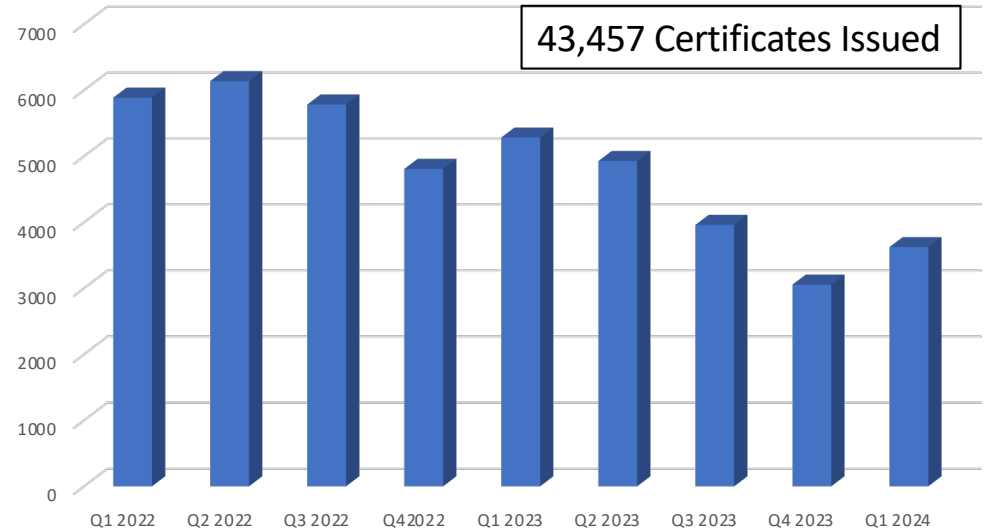
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BC 201 Online



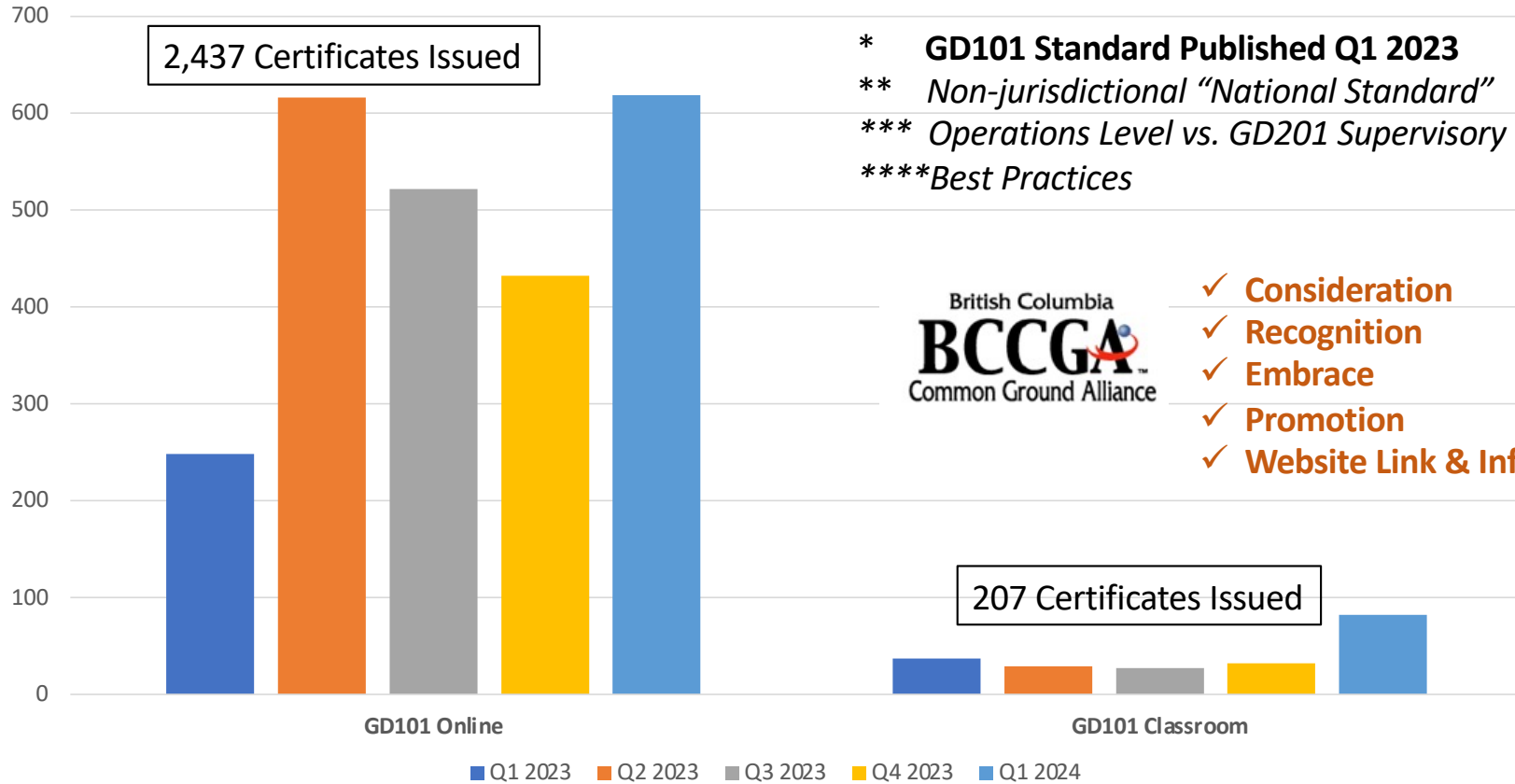
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Ground Disturbance 101



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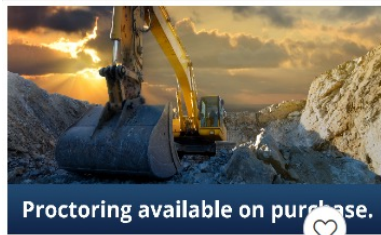
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	BC 201 Online	Classroom	101 Online	101 Classroom	AB 201 Online	AB 201 Classroom
Q1 2022	669	111			5886	2099
Q2 2022	778	123			6137	3556
Q3 2022	867	79			5782	1823
Q4 2022	710	126			4807	2283
Total 2022	3024	439	0	0	22612	9761
Q1 2023	965	111	248	37	5283	2854
Q2 2023	980	247	616	29	4926	2139
Q3 2023	846	168	522	27	3959	1616
Q4 2023	657	110	432	32	3054	1602
Total 2023	3448	636	1818	125	17222	8211
Q1 2024	725	389	619	82	3623	2642

Alberta 2022 + 2023	BC 2022 + 2023
Population: 4.371M	Population: 5.071M
Total Courses taken – 57,806	Total Courses taken – 7,547
Ratio of # Taken – 13.22:1000	Ratio of # Taken – 1.48:1000
Certificate Revenue: \$115,612	Certificate Revenue: \$15,094

Opportunity?

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What are Ground Disturbance Learners Saying?



Ground Disturbance 201

This online Utility Safety Partners (USP), formerly the Alberta Common Ground Alliance (ABCGA), endorsed course is designed for planners, managers, supervisors, and employees who are required to develop, plan, or undertake any kind of ground disturbance. Virtual proctoring is available on purchase.

Virtual Proctoring Upgrade Available
What is Virtual Proctoring?

Average rating (28011 Reviews)
★★★★★ 4.2/5

\$94.95

Add To Cart

More Information



Ground Disturbance 201 (BC)

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Virtual Proctoring Upgrade Available
What is Virtual Proctoring?

Average rating (504 Reviews)
★★★★★ 4.2/5

\$94.95

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More Information



Ground Disturbance 101

This online Utility Safety Partners (USP), formerly the Alberta Common Ground Alliance (ABCGA), endorsed course is designed for operators, labourers, and employees who are required to have knowledge of ground disturbance best practices and who will not be responsible for planning or supervising ground disturbance projects. [More](#)

Virtual Proctoring Upgrade Available
What is Virtual Proctoring?

Average rating (1373 Reviews)
★★★★★ 4.3/5

\$49.99

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Suggestions on improving our learning management system

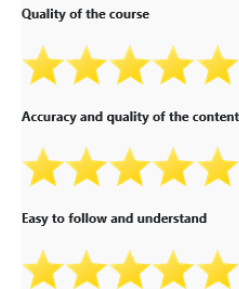
"The Course is perfect 🍌 no improvement needed."

"The subject material and delivery has been updated to accurately reflect real world scenarios since I last received the training."

"Keep doing what you are doing. Make sure to keep it up to date with the ever-changing legislation that is out there!"

"Informative and challenging especially the exam."

"Great course...legislation was up to date!"



ASTEC SAFETY website and data only.

Financial Position & Philosophy

Training Standards 2021 Income Statement		
Revenue		
Stage 1 Fees		\$ 13,480.00
Stage 2 Fees		\$ 6,000.00
Stage 3 and Re-Endorsement Fees		\$ 14,262.09
TSC Certificate Revenue		\$ 63,798.00
Total Training Standards Revenue		\$ 97,540.09
Expenses		
Auditor Expenses		\$ 33,278.49
Software Expenses		\$ 532.80
Administration Expenses		\$ 16,563.91
Total Training Standards Expenses		\$ 50,375.20
2021 Training Standards Profit (Loss)		\$ 47,164.89

Training Standards 2023 Income Statement as of December 31, 2023	
Revenue	
Stage 1 Fees	\$ 3,000.00
Stage 2 Fees	\$ 1,245.00
Stage 3 and Re-Endorsement Fees	\$ 2,532.70
TSC Certificate Revenue	\$ 62,154.00
Total Training Standards Revenue	\$ 68,931.70
Expenses	
Auditor Expense	\$ 4,758.95
Tablets for Dig Safe Ambassadors	\$ 1,614.00
Advertising Expense	\$ 19,678.44
Administration Expense	\$ 4,217.15
Total Training Standards Expenses	\$ 30,268.54
Training Standards Annual Profit (Loss) as of December 31, 2023	\$ 38,663.16

Training Standards Cash Flow Statement As of December 31	
Cash Flow from Operations	\$ 38,663.16
Net Increase in cash during the year	\$ 38,663.16
Cash at the beginning of 2023	\$107,227.89
Cash as of December 31, 2023	\$145,891.05

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How did we get there?

- ✓ Endorsement Process was published, consistent & independent.
- ✓ Qualified Professional Contract Auditors retained by TSC/USP.
- ✓ Policy embraced by large utility owners (Personnel, Safety, & Procurement/Tenders/RFP's).
- ✓ RFP & Tender “mandated” by municipalities.
- ✓ Regulator recommended & supported. (*Conscious Government Relations*)
- ✓ Professional & Trade Association recognition.
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Stakeholders?

- Damage Prevention Organizations
- Electrical Transmission/Distribution
- Engineering/Land Surveying
- Equipment Material Supplies
- Gas Distribution
- Locators

- Oil & Gas Transmission
- Public Works – Municipal
- Regulators & Government Agencies
- Roadbuilders/Heavy Construction
- Training Organizations

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- ✓ Professional training provider partners highly engaged & invested in the TSC.
- ✓ Mature 3rd Party Training Partner Environment.
- ✓ Established & effective eLearning marketing/distribution/retail networks via Training Providers.

Potential Strategies & Options for



- Undertake GAP Analysis to identify priority initiatives.
(TSC resources can assist, if requested)
- Define & plan joint projects to be undertaken with TSC/USP.
(Funding available for marketing & branding activities)
- Proceed with BCCGA recognition/awareness of GD101 STANDARD.
- Increase BCCGA engagement (*Board & Management representation*) with the on-going TSC Committee and Working Group activities.
- Identify key stakeholder organizations that could act as “Champions” for BCCGA STANDARDS. (ie: Policy inclusion, Personnel, Tenders, RFP’s, Safety Days)
- Communicate priority focus areas & priorities to industry.
- Locating 101? Damage Prevention Professional?

The Future Looks Bright!

- ✓ Continued market growth and profile enhancement for the library of USP & Partner published **Damage Prevention Training Standards**.
- ✓ **Expansion** of working relationships with Regional Common Ground Alliance organizations in Canada, partners in the U.S., and internationally. (TSC Model, STANDARDS, Program Administration)
- ✓ Pursue appropriate intellectual property protection through trademark & wordmark legal frameworks.
- ✓ Concept development, research, & implementation of a national **Damage Prevention Professional Certification Program**.
- ✓ Adoption and implementation of **emerging technologies** into the STANDARDS.
- ✓ Enhanced **Legislation, Regulation** and **Best Practices** incorporation to all STANDARDS.



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COMMITTEE

Thank you for your on-going support of our shared Damage Prevention goals.

Questions & Discussion

