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Roco Rescue, Inc. of Baton Rouge, LA and the Beaumont Emergency Services Training Complex (BEST Complex) in Beaumont, TX has announced a partnership which will deliver rescue training for fire departments and industry. In addition to open enrollment training, private classes will be available through BEST Complex as well. "Our first class is this month (June, 2011) and it's full", according to John Voinche' Sr. VP/Chief Operating Officer for Roco Rescue."

"ISTC and BEST Complex are excited about this partnership that will provide quality rescue training and maximize the customer's training dollar", said Russell M. Melancon Jr., CAE, President and CEO Industrial Safety Training Council.

Although the partnership is a new one between these two companies, it marks a return for Roco to Southeast Texas. "We used to train there on a regular basis years ago and we're excited about returning to Beaumont," says Voinche'. BEST Complex took over the management and operations of the site in 2004 which is owned by the City of Beaumont. BEST Complex offers live Fire Training to companies and agencies and the addition of rescue training will be a compliment to its courses offerings. BEST Complex is a division of the Industrial Safety Training Council (ISTC) and has offered safety & health training since 1991. ISTC is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit training and educational organization that implements training for over 4000 companies.

For many years, the former Beaumont Fire/Rescue Training Center has been acclaimed as "one of the best fire training centers in the country." Combined with a leader in the rescue industry (Roco) both companies say this relationship represents a very strong union in an effort to offer customers the best of both worlds.

Based on the early success of the partnership, both Roco and BEST Complex say they will be expanding its class schedule for 2012. These courses will include High Angle, Confined Space, Trench and Structural Collapse Rescue. For more information contact Trisha Kelley at BEST Complex (409-291-4417) or Aimee Sims at Roco (800-647-7626).

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