



Construction Trades Workforce Initiative

November 2020

Dear Friends,

HAPPY NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK! It is with great excitement that we celebrate our union apprentices and their respective apprenticeship programs. Just locally, we have over 30 state of the art apprenticeship programs that train workers to become highly-skilled, six-figure-earning construction workers through a debt-free, technologically-advanced education. These earn-as-you-learn programs pay family-sustaining wages and provide health care coverage and retirement benefits from day one.

In honor of this week, we have compiled resources and opportunities that will help you open the doors to the world of union construction apprenticeships in the Bay Area.

As always, we'd love to hear from you. Feel free to contact me at 646-338-7367.

In solidarity,

Beli Acharya

Executive Director

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I) IBEW (ELECTRICIANS) APPLICATION OPENING

IBEW Local 595 usually accepts applications on the last Friday in January in person for one day only. This year applications will be taken online. While it's possible the local may continue their practice of accepting applications for one day only (the date would be January 29 this year), they are considering extending the application process to a period of 10 days or potentially the whole month. When the local pins down the plan, we will let you know. Stay tuned!

II) MATH & MECHANICAL TEST PREP CLASS

Do you need help passing the union trades **entrance exams**? Currently, only 5 – 10% of the labor pool passes these rigorous exams. By enrolling in our program, you will learn the math, mechanical, spatial relations and test taking strategies that will help you beat the test! For more information click [here](#).

III) APPRENTICESHIP GUIDEBOOK

Far too many people in the Bay Area are unaware of career opportunities in the union construction trades. In response to these challenges, we have partnered with the Bay Area Apprenticeship Coordinators Association (BAACA) to produce a Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Guidebook. The guidebook provides comprehensive information on requirements, application steps, wages, contact information and more for each trade across the Bay Area - ALL IN ONE PLACE. The guidebook will be made available to the general

population, including school districts, community based organizations, workforce boards and contractors, in both hard copy and online versions in early 2021.

IV) TRADES WORKSHOPS

Interested in learning about what it takes to be a Sheet Metal Worker? How about a Boilermaker? Our partners, OUSD and Tradeswomen, Inc. are co-sponsoring a virtual trades workshop on 11/13 and 11/19. To learn more, email sdurell@tradeswomen.org or emiliano.sanchez@ousd.org

V) YOU'RE INVITED: 46TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Come celebrate with us on December 4th to honor the work of the Alameda Building Trades Council and their construction union affiliates. This is the 3rd year that proceeds will benefit their nonprofit partner CTWI. For more information click [here](#).