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Pre-Apprenticeship Class Graduates Ready for Construction Jobs

May 15 ceremony honors graduates of innovative training program

Fresno, CA – A ceremony on Friday, May 15, will honor 19 graduates of a successful program that trains workers for public infrastructure construction jobs.

The Multi-Craft Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program is a cooperative effort between the Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties Building and Construction Trades Council and the Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board. Graduates honored Friday have learned critical skills and explored construction trades in a class funded by a grant from the state Employment Development Department and Gov. Jerry Brown's office.

Blake Konczal, CEO/executive director of the Fresno workforce board, said the demand for skilled workers is driven by planned and current projects ranging from highway construction to high-speed rail.

"This is a good time for these men and women to be emerging into the job market," he said.

What: Multi-Craft Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program graduation ceremony

When: 10 a.m. Friday, May 15

Where: Fresno Area Sheet Metal Workers, 5410 E. Home Ave., Fresno

Speakers:

- Blake Konczal, CEO/Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Investment Board
- Chuck Riojas, Financial Secretary/Treasurer, Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties Building and Construction Trades Council
- Tim Rainey, Executive Director, California Workforce Investment Board

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