



Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council

THE COUNTIES OF SANGAMON, LOGAN, MORGAN, CASS, SCOTT,
MENARD, CHRISTIAN AND PART OF MASON

IN AFFILIATION WITH
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS

THE ILLINOIS STATE APPRENTICESHIP CONFERENCE AND COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL AND ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL
ILLINOIS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council recognizes the urgent needs of the construction unions to train and maintain the most highly skilled, highly trained workforce capable of meeting the needs of the industries in which we serve.

WHEREAS, the institution of registered apprenticeship programs has proven over millennia to be the most effective method for the transfer of traditional knowledge and skill from one generation to the next.

WHEREAS, registered apprenticeship is the proven vehicle to incorporate training on new and emerging technologies for the apprentice and the journeyworker that will secure America's future ability to sustain the rebuilding and maintenance of our infrastructure in an increasingly competitive global marketplace.

WHEREAS, recent U.S. economic circumstances and institutional education focus have created a generational gap in the numbers of trained, available and future journeyworkers to supply the immediate, short and long term needs of the building and construction trades.

WHEREAS, registered and graduate apprentices understand the preservice, technical aptitude, and teamwork required of the construction workplace as they strive each day to become more knowledgeable and capable through structured related technical training and on the job instruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I AARON GURNSEY, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, CALL UPON ALL LOCAL UNIONS AND THEIR INDUSTRY PARTNERS TO TAKE MEASURE OF THEIR CURRENT AND FUTURE SKILLED WORKFORCE NEEDS DURING **NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP**

AWARENESS & APPRECIATION WEEK

November 15th – 21st, 2021.

I FURTHER CALL UPON ALL THE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES PARTNERS TO RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE AND VALUE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND PURSUE THE INDUSTRY AWARENESS AND EXPANSION

IN SOLDARITY,

Aaron Gurnsey, President
Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council