

NEWS OF JOBS

Employment Expected To Grow In Construction

(NAPSA)—Here's a fact that could be written in cement. Construction is and always has been one of the nation's leading industries and the backbone of the U.S. economy.

Construction is growing at a pace requiring 240,000 positions to be filled every year to keep up with the industry's growth and demands. The U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that from 2002-2012, the industry will create more than one million new jobs, making it the only goods-producing industry sector in which employment is expected to grow in those 10 years.

Wide-Ranging Opportunity

All of this means wide-ranging job opportunities with a variety of unlimited options. Careers in construction offer opportunities with no ceiling—where the sky is the limit. In fact, one of the reasons there are so many new career options in the field is because workers rapidly climb the career ladder into management. Clearly, the construction industry offers more than a good paycheck. It offers the unique opportunity to become directly involved in building the country—especially in times of crisis. Shortly after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, contractors were hard at work renovating the Pentagon in Arlington, Va. And now, contractors are hard at work in the recovery and rebuilding efforts following the devastation of the recent hurricanes in the Gulf Coast region.

Commitment To Safety

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) is working to main-



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tain and enhance a strong and stable industry that meets—and even exceeds—tomorrow's needs by providing craft, apprenticeship, and safety and management training through its 79 chapters nationwide. ABC members are continually recognized for their outstanding commitment to safety, winning national awards through organizations such as the Construction Users Roundtable. ABC continually partners with student chapters at colleges and universities nationwide to develop the next wave of industry leaders. And a new generation of elementary, middle and high school students and their parents learn about the benefits of a career in construction through www.trytools.org. To learn more about opportunities in the construction industry, check out the ABC chapter near you, or visit www.abc.org/chapterlocations.