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Union Firms Win Two Piling Contracts at Nucor Facility

Last month, union contractors Beaver Construction and Goettle were each awarded a contract for piling work at the Nucor Steel site in Mason County, West Virginia.

The contract awards are the first major construction contracts won by union firms since the announcement of the Nucor deal late last year.

“We are pleased Nucor has chosen these top-quality union contractors,

who hire local workers, for the piling work at their new facility,” said Chuck Parker, President of the West Virginia State Building and Construction Trades. “We have the best and most qualified professionals in the industry, and I believe Nucor will be more than satisfied with the results of their work.”

Earlier this year, a contract for concrete work at the Nucor site was

awarded to ABC Concrete, a non-union firm from Utah. Sources say that contract included 360,000 yards of concrete installation at the facility and represented approximately 1.2 million hours of work.

Pre-construction site preparation work is still underway by Kanawha Stone, a West Virginia nonunion company. The construction of the facility itself was supposed to start in

November 2022 but is now expected to be pushed back due to permit and equipment delays.

In November of 2021, the West Virginia legislature convened a special session to discuss passing legislation, creating an exclusive deal for Nucor to build the new facility in Mason County, WV.

By the end of the special session, **Cont. on p. 2>>**

Tri-State Building Trades Raise \$25,000 for Kentucky Flood Victims Disaster Relief

The Tri-State Building and Construction Trades Council stepped up to help Kentucky flood victims by donating \$25,000 in funds and supplies to those affected in Floyd and Knott Counties.

Between July 25 and July 30 of this year, heavy rain caused many to lose their homes—and in the worst cases their lives—in Kentucky and throughout other parts of Appalachia.

Over this five-day period, some Kentucky residents experienced rainfall upwards of 14-16 inches, which led to severe flash flooding.

Reports to local authorities estimate that over 10,000 homes were either damaged or completely destroyed and 39 individuals lost their lives as a result of the tragic flash flooding throughout the region.

In the aftermath of the storms, record numbers of requests for aid have

come from area residents.

Upon seeing all the requests for aid from local residents, Holbrook

and members of the Tri-State Trades immediately came together to provide supplies for those in need.

“We brought generators, fans, and other items we believed would help

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Members of the Tri-State Building Trades deliver a generator and other supplies to flood victims in eastern Kentucky.

\$98k raised since 2002

Kanawha Valley Trades and Contractors Raise \$8,000 for Charleston HospiceCare

The 28th annual Kanawha Valley Construction Labor-Management Golf Scramble raised \$8,000 for HospiceCare, a non-profit organization that provides end of life services to patients in need.

“We believe it’s important to give back, especially to such a great cause,” said Fred Chandler, Business Manager of the Charleston Building and Construction Trades Council. “By working together as labor and management, we double our efforts to support this charity and build a

stronger relationship together in the process.”

This year’s event is part of a long-standing partnership between the Kanawha Valley Builders Association and the Charleston Building Trades.

Representatives from HospiceCare estimate the partnership has raised nearly \$98 thousand since 2002 to support their work through these annual events.

HospiceCare provides end of life care for patients in 16 counties of West Virginia with services includ-

ing 24/7 skilled nurses, pain management, and Certified Nursing Assistants that provide a full spectrum of personal care assistance for patients.

For more information about HospiceCare and the services they offer visit their website at www.HospiceCareWV.org. ■



Fred Chandler (left), Business Manager of the Charleston Building Trades, and Luther Lasure (right), Executive Director of the Kanawha Valley Builders Association, present an \$8,000 contribution to Chris Rawlings, CEO of HospiceCare, at their Charleston office.

WV Pipe Trades Hold Annual Convention



WV State Pipe Trades Financial Secretary Eddie D’Aquila (podium) speaks to members of the West Virginia Pipe Trades at their annual convention in Roanoke, WV as WV Pipe Trades President Bryan Raber (right) looks on.

56 members of the Plumbing and Pipefitting industry gathered at the event to discuss industry issues such as: work and manpower across the US, potential micro chip plant work, and US President Joe Biden’s Chip Bill as well as the Inflation Reduction Act.

The WV Pipe Trades is an organization dedicated to promoting the interests of the plumbing and pipefitting industry.

According to their website, the WV Pipe Trades recommend legislation to protect the trades and public health, provide support to Locals in organization efforts, prevent members from unjust and injurious competition, and cultivate feelings of friendship and good will among those in the industry.

For more information about the WV Pipe Trades, log on to www.wvpipetrades.com.

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the House of Delegates and the WV Senate passed a bill providing \$315 million in direct taxpayer funding as well as property and corporate income tax incentives that were used to entice Nucor to locate its new facility in West Virginia.

The deal passed by the legislature resulted in the largest publicly funded agreement in the state’s history and made Nucor Steel the largest corporate recipient of taxpayer funds ever in West Virginia.

Sources say about 100 contractors will be on site during the construction period.

Because of this, there has been much public discussion questioning where the workers will come from.

Due to the size and scope of the

project, many believe a labor shortage will arise and present a challenge for contractors working on the facility. However, West Virginia State Building and Construction Trades leadership is confident union craftworkers will be up to the task.

“We have never failed to provide craftworkers for projects in our jurisdiction,” said Parker. “Our strength is having a local workforce with the skills to take on any project and get the job done right.”

The next contract to be awarded is for mechanical and structural work. Nucor will be receiving bids from firms for the work in mid-September.

Bids for piping and electrical work are expected sometime in late October. ■

Building Trades General Endorsement List

State Senate

1 – Randy Swartzmiller (D)
5 – Mike Woelfel (D)
7 – Ron Stollings (D)
8 – Richard Lindsay (D)
10 – Stephen Baldwin (D)
11 – Bill Hamilton (R)
13 – Barbara Fleischauer (D)

House of Delegates

1 – Pat McGeehan (R)
2 – Ronnie Jones (D)
3 – Phil Diserio (D)
4 – Erikka Storch (R)

5 – Shawn Fluharty (D)
6 – Charlie Reynolds (R)
7 – Lisa Zukoff (D)
13 – Scot Heckert (R)
23 – Evan Worrell (R)
24 – Ally Layman (D)
25 – Sean Hornbuckle (D)
26 – Matthew Rohrbach (R)
27 – Ric Griffith (D)
29 – David Thompson (D)
32 – Rodney Miller (D)
33 – Jordan Bridges (R)
34 – Mark Dean (R)
35 – Adam Vance (R)

36 – Ed Evans (D)
43 – Chris Toney (R)
44 – Toney O. Martin (D)
45 – Christian Martine (D)
50 – Elliott Pritt (D)
51 – Gabe Peña (D)
52 – Larry Rowe (D)
54 – Mike Pushkin (D)
56 – Kayla Young (D)
57 – Doug Skaff (D)
58 – Walt Hall (R)
59 – Andy Shamblin (R)
60 – Dana Ferrell (R)
67 – Cody Thompson (D)

69 – Ron Watson (D)
70 – Ryan Deems (D)
71 – Laura Kimble (R)
72 – Derek McIntyre (D)
73 – Mike Mannypenny (D)
74 – “JohnBoy” Palmer (D)
75 – Stephanie Tomana (D)
76 – Joey Garcia (D)
77 – Bengy Swanson (D)
79 – Evan Hansen (D)
80 – John Williams (D)
81 – Danielle Walker (D)
88 – Rick Hillenbrand (R)
90 – George Miller (R) ■

WVSBT ‘22 General Endorsement Process

The candidates listed (above) are the official endorsements made by the West Virginia State Building and Construction Trades (WVSBT) for the 2022 General Election.

The WVSBT endorsement process is based on work related issues like restoring prevailing wage, workplace safety, enforcing and strengthening licensing laws, opposing so-called Right-to-Work, and other issues important to the Trades.

WVSBT participates in the WV AFL-CIO Committee On Political Education (COPE) process of candidate questionnaires and interviews.

The COPE process does a good job determining if a candidate is friendly towards labor. However, the Trades are now taking an additional step, asking about a candidate’s chances of success.

In order to ensure members’ re-

sources are used most effectively, the WVSBT is adding a test to the endorsement process to determine if candidates have a reasonable chance of success.

The purpose of this approach is to put a greater emphasis on helping candidates who need support and have the greatest likelihood of winning their race.

The test measures candidates running for House of Delegates and State Senate, taking a number of factors into consideration.

Candidates are measured based on: if they have experience running for office in the past, their financial resources, the volunteers they have, the number of contacts they have with voters, the parti-

san breakdown of their district, the strength of their opponent, as well as other factors that indicate whether they have what it takes to succeed.

“We believe this new addition to the process will result in better electoral outcomes for the Trades,” said George Capel, Government Relations Director for the WV State Building

and Construction Trades. “The goal is to elect more labor-friendly representatives to fight for working families at the state Capitol, regardless of their party affiliation.” ■

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Trades Participate in Labor Day Events



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 141 member Art Oakland (left) and Business Manager Tom Conner (right) march in the Paden City Labor Day Parade in Paden City, West Virginia.

The Paden City parade is one of the longest running Labor Day events held in West Virginia.

IBEW 141 is one of many groups from the WV State Building and Construction Trades that participated in a variety of Labor Day events throughout the region.

Boilermakers Local #667 Holds Tour of Apprenticeship Facility in Winfield, WV

On August 24, Boilermakers 667 held a tour of their apprenticeship training facility, inviting candidates for public office, local leaders, and media to learn more about their apprenticeship program.

The tour is part of an ongoing effort of the WV State Building Trades and affiliates to educate lawmakers, candidates, and the general public about the benefits of apprenticeship training programs.

Recently, apprenticeship has been a hot topic due to the need for more skilled labor, with so many new infrastructure projects on the horizon.

In the face of historic federal investment in infrastructure, through the passage of the Bipartisan Infra-

structure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, many have expressed concerns over the potential for a labor shortage and the challenges of filling the jobs to build all the projects.

However, Steve White, Director of the Affiliated Construction Trades says he is not worried.

"I am totally confident we can supply the workforce that is needed," said White. "We have the best training facilities and Boilermakers 667's apprenticeship program is a perfect example."

The Boilermakers 667 \$2 million training facility, funded by both labor and management, is located in Winfield, WV and is home to a four-year, 6000-hour training program that

teaches skills in a variety of welding areas.

Boilermaker work demands a high degree of technical skill and knowledge of working on boilers, power generation plants, storage tanks, pressure vessels, and other

large installations of heavy mechanical and industrial equipment.

For more information on all West Virginia State Building and Construction Trades apprenticeship programs, log on to www.wvapprenticeships.com. ■

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Matthew Kennedy, Apprenticeship Coordinator for Boilermakers 667 (center), gives a tour of the Boilermakers Training Facility to candidates for public office and the media. In attendance were (from left) Andy Shamblin, candidate for House of Delegate, Nitro; Steven Allen Adams, Government Reporter for Ogden Newspapers; and Walter Hall, candidate for House of Delegates, St. Albans.

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get folks back on their feet," said John Holbrook, Business Manager for the Tri-State Building and Construction Trades. "To see all the piles of debris that were once families' homes, and to know many lost everything they

had, was heart wrenching."

"We're thankful we could do something to help them with the rebuilding process. Our hearts go out to everyone affected by this disaster," said Holbrook. ■

IBEW 466 Volunteers for State Police Memorial



IBEW 466 members John Epperly (right) and Jacob Triplett (left) install electrical wiring to illuminate a newly constructed memorial at the State Police Detachment in Clay County.

IBEW 466 volunteered to install the light fixtures surrounding the memorial, which was built as a tribute to Corporal Marshall Bailey and State Trooper Eric Workman. The two officers were shot and killed on a Clay County highway after stopping a vehicle for reckless driving in 2012.