



West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council

400 NE Jefferson, Suite 403 • Peoria, Illinois 61603
Phone: (309) 674-9243 • Fax (309) 674-9714
E-mail: buildunion@westcentralbtc.org • website: www.westcentralbtc.org

October 8, 2021

Clint Drury
Executive Director

James C. Dillon
Associate Director

Matt Bartolo
President

Paul Flynn
Vice President

Matt Bender
Secretary-Treasurer

Darren Smith
Sergeant At Arms

Trustees
Mike Doolan
Mandy Jo Ganieany
Bill Stieglitz

- Boilermakers
- Bricklayers
- Carpenters
- Electrical Workers
- Elevator Constructors
- Heat & Frost Insulators
- Iron Workers
- Laborers
- Millwrights
- Operating Engineers
- Painters/Glaziers
- Plasterers-Cement Masons
- Plumbers
- Road Sprinkler Fitters
- Roofers
- Sheet Metal Workers
- Steamfitters
- Teamsters

WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

WHEREAS, The West Central Illinois Building & 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 journey worker that will secure America's future ability to sustain the rebuilding and maintenance of our infrastructure in all increasingly competitive global marketplace,

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

WHEREAS, registered and graduate apprentices understand the perseverance, technical aptitude, and team work 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, MATT BARTOLO, PRESIDENT OF THE WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS BUILDING & 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 THE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES PARTNERS TO RECOGNIZE THE PURPOSE AND VALUE OF REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING AND PURSUE INDUSTRY AWARENESS AND EXPANSION.

IN SOLIDARITY,

MATT BARTOLO, PRESIDENT
WEST CENTRAL ILLINOIS BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL



In Affiliation
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR—CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS