# NORTH AMERICA'S BUILDING TRADES UNIONS

### International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers



Members of this union apply insulation to pipes, tanks, boilers, ducts, refrigeration equipment and other surfaces requiring thermal control of temperatures. The responsibilities of these mechanics, improvers and apprentices also include the manufacture, fabrication, assembling, molding, erection, spraying, pouring, mixing, hanging, preparation, application, adjusting, alteration, repairing, dismantling, reconditioning, corrosive control, testing and maintenance of heat or frost insulation. Workers also handle insulation materials made of fiberglass, rubber, calcium silicate and urethane. Insulators also do removal of asbestos containing material.

www.insulators.org

### International Union of Painters and Allied Trades



IUPAT members work in one or more of several crafts: painting, wallpaper hanging, glazing (glass work), drywall and taping, floor covering, and sign and display work. Painters and paperhangers work in industrial, commercial and residential settings, from bridges and ships to interior walls of office buildings and homes. Drywall finishers tape, fill in and smooth seams in sheets of drywall. Glaziers prepare and install various kinds of glass, mirrors, metal framing and doors/entrances to buildings. Floor coverers work with resilient floors, as well as carpet and decorative coverings. Exterior sign and display work, like billboards, is another choice. Other types of work are convention display and show decorators. www.iupat.org

### International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers

The Boilermakers are a diverse

union of workers in construction,

maintenance, manufacturing, professional

related industries. Boilermakers build and

repair ships, fishing boats, ferries, barges,

cranes, boilers, tanks, pressure vessels,

plate and structural fabrications among

other things. These skilled workers often

other equipment for welding, burning,

cutting, rigging, layout and bolting. It's

Members of the Roofers union install new

roofs and remove old roofs using a variety

of materials. Roofers install hot built-up

commercial/ industrial structures.

and single-ply roofing systems on mostly

Waterproofers install moisture-resistant

products on below-grade structures and

other surfaces to prevent water intrusion

into buildings. The work is performed in

electrical equipment associated with the

installation of roofing and waterproofing

all weather conditions. Members also

operate a variety of mechanical and

www.unionroofers.com

International Association of

SMART members work in several

industries. Sheet metal workers fabricate,

install and service heating, venting, and air

conditioning (HVAC) systems; blowpipe

and industrial systems; metal roofing;

coping and flashing; and stainless steel

hospitals. They prepare shop and field drawings manually and with computer

programs. Members also provide HVAC

work for restaurants, kitchens and

and refrigeration service.

www.smart-union.org

Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and

**Transportation Workers** 

hard work, and heavy lifting and

www.boilermakers.org

**Roofers, Waterproofers** 

**United Union of** 

products.

and Allied Workers

dedication to the craft is required.

use acetylene torches, power grinders and

emergency medical services, repair and



### International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers



BAC represents all skilled trowel trades workers, including bricklayers, tile setters, plasterers, cement masons, marble masons, restoration workers, stonemasons, helpers or finishers, terrazzo and mosaic workers. Their work includes buildings, homes, stadiums, monuments and landmarks throughout the United States and Canada.

www.bacweb.org

### International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers



The IBEW represents workers in the electrical industry including construction, gas and electric utilities, telecommunications, railroads and government agencies. Construction and residential electricians work in all phases of the electrical construction and service industry. Their worksites range from single-family residences to state-of-the-art industrial plants. Inside wire workers may install and maintain conduits, switches and converters, as well as wire lighting, to complex systems incorporating computerization and high technology. Electricians work in the electric sign industry and increasingly perform more work in the installation of fiber optics and voice/data/video equipment. www.ibew.org

United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fit



Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada

UA is a multi-craft union that represents plumbers and pipe, sprinkler, and refrigerator fitters, as well as service technicians. All of these jobs require the installation, remodeling or maintenance of systems that carry water, steam, air and other liquids or gases necessary for sanitation, industrial production, heating and air conditioning, and many other uses. Workers measure, cut, and bend pipe, as well as weld, braze, caulk, solder, glue or thread joints at residential and commercial job sites. www.ua.org

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#### International **Union of Operating** Engineers



IUOE members are operating and stationary engineers, as well as significant numbers of public employees engaged in a wide variety of occupations. Stationary engineers work in operations and maintenance in building and industrial complexes, and in the service industries. Operating engineers operate heavy construction equipment such as cranes, bulldozers, pavers, trench excavators and many other kinds of equipment used in constructing buildings, dams, airports and highways. Operating engineers also work in the sand and gravel, cement and asphalt industries; in the shipyards; on water dredges, oil refineries and oil pipelines; in sewer and water construction; in ports of major cities and many other industries. Most work is done outdoors and depends on the weather.

Operating Engineers' work includes, for example: cranes, bulldozers, pavers and trench excavators. www.iuoe.org

#### **United Brotherhood** of Carpenters and Joiners of America



Members of the UBC are commercial and residential carpenters, floor layers, millwrights, pile drivers, interior systems carpenters, lathers, cabinetmakers and trade show carpenters. They build forms for concrete and frame buildings, walls, footings, columns and stairs. Carpenters also install doors, windows, storefronts and hand rails, and build cabinets, counter tops and finished stair handrails. Carpenters must read blueprints, measure accurately and calculate dimensions.

Carpenter crafts include: Carpenters and Joiners, Millwrights, Pile Drivers, **Residential Carpenters, Interior Systems** Carpenters, Lathers and Drywallers, Cabinet Makers and Millworkers and Floor Lavers. www.carpenters.org



Members of the Iron Workers assemble

metal parts in buildings and on bridges,

steel structures. They raise, place and join

welding for metal decking. In addition iron

reinforcing of concrete construction. Iron

workers fabricate and install ornamental,

building components. They install as well

architectural and miscellaneous metal

curtain wall under the umbrella of the

LIUNA represents members working in

construction, environmental remediation, maintenance, food service, health care,

clerical and other occupations, as well as

in state, local and municipal government

jobs and as mail handlers in the U.S.

Postal Service. LIUNA members have

helped lay down new highways, build

spectacular bridges, dig tunnels and

churches, hospitals and houses. In

building construction and housing,

Laborers' work includes excavation,

footing and foundations, carpenter

and mason tending for bricklayers.

Environmental laborers do asbestos

clean-up. The work performed by

long hours at a time.

bricklayers.

www.liuna.org

subways, build new plants, factories, dams

and power plants, and erect new schools,

tending, compaction, concrete placement,

power and hand tools, general clean-up

removal, hazardous waste and radiation

Laborers is very physical and it includes

digging, carrying, pulling and bending-

Laborers' work includes, for example:

excavation, footing and foundations,

clean up and mason tending for

carpenter tending, compaction, concrete

placement, power and hand tools, general

usually outside in all kinds of weather for

**Ornamental and Architectural** 

www.ironworkers.org

Department.

Laborers'

Union of

International

**North America** 

dams, skyscrapers, factories and other

steel girders and columns to form

structural frameworks, including the

workers are responsible for the steel

and erect steel framework and other



Feel the Power

### International **Brotherhood of** Teamsters



The Teamsters union has several divisions, including a Building Material and Construction Trades Division. Members in this division are truck drivers who transport and haul material, merchandise, equipment or personnel between various locations-including construction sites, manufacturing plants, freight depots, warehouses, and wholesale and retail facilities. They may also load and unload, make mechanical repairs and keep trucks in good working order.

Building material and construction Teamsters are employed in the following types of work: rigging, demolition work, landscaping, pipeline construction work, warehousing and building supply

manufacturing. www.teamster.org

### **Operative Plasterers'** and Cement Masons' International Association



of the United States and Canada

**OPCMIA** members represent skilled plasterers, cement masons, shophands and associated members. Plasterers finish interior walls and ceilings of buildings, apply plaster on masonry, metal, wirelath or gypsum. Bridges, canals, dams, reservoirs, roads and many other engineering feats would be impossible without the skills of OPCMIA cement masons. Cement masons are responsible for all concrete construction, including pouring and finishing of slabs, steps, wall tops, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, paving and other concrete construction.

www.opcmia.org

### International **Union of Elevator** Constructors



The IUEC represent the most qualified and trained elevator constructors in the world. Members assemble, install and replace elevators, escalators, dumbwaiters, moving walkways and similar equipment in new and old buildings. Elevator constructors also maintain and repair this equipment once it is in service, as well as modernize older equipment. www.iuec.org