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Trades and Contractors Partner with TPS for Construction Industry Boot Camp

Toledo, Ohio June 5, 2015 – Several construction trades union leaders and training directors, contractors and contractor associations have partnered with Toledo Public Schools to create **The Construction Industry Boot Camp June 8th through 12th**.

Students will spend several hours during the week at area jobsites, skilled trades training centers and at Waite High School learning from industry professionals about lucrative and rewarding career opportunities in our local construction industry. Construction industry professionals will stress the importance of math and science in the skilled trades, as well as critical thinking and problem solving in a fast-paced environment. Additionally, in small lunch groups with industry professionals, students will engage in conversations about what it takes to get into and then succeed in this highly technical, complex industry.

Mary Gregory, Executive Vice President of the Associated General Contractors of NW noted, *“We’ll navigate blueprints, record and then discuss our jobsite observations, try our hand at some construction skills, practice interviewing, learn how jobs are bid, just to name a few activities.”*

The idea came about in October 2014 when Daphne Derden-Willis and Tom Dimitrew of TPS’s Career Technology Programs asked AGC of NW Ohio to assist with a construction boot camp concept. *“Daphne and Tom wanted their students to walk away with an understanding of how their studies in high school will be relevant during their employment after high school. The more they learn and apply themselves during high school, the better their chance of getting into this industry.”*

Shaun Enright, Executive Secretary of the NW Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council noted *“A majority of our labor leaders and over twenty contractors have volunteered themselves, or their employees to take time to give jobsite tours, hands-on construction activities, and to coach student attendees.”*



The Associated General Contractors of Northwest Ohio is a full-service trade membership organization dedicated to furthering the ever-changing agenda of commercial construction contractors, improving job site safety, expanding the use of cutting edge technologies and techniques and strengthening the dialogue between contractors and owners. AGC NW OH represents nearly 400 firms employing over 15,000 professionals.

The NW Ohio Building and Construction Trades Council is comprised of eighteen affiliated local skilled trade unions that unite and associate together to build up the great City of Toledo, Ohio and its surrounding area.

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