

BEST PRACTICES FOR DEVELOPING CAREER PATHS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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A Construction Craft Laborer (CCL) is part of a team working in one of North America's Largest Industry-CONSTRUCTION

- US Construction Spending Averages 650 billion dollars/year
- **Construction Workforce = 6.25 million**
- Construction Employers fall into 26 categories (SIC - US Census Bureau)
- CCL are employed in almost every SIC, making them THE MOST DIVERSE AND VESATILE WORKER







CCL Career Path Begins in the "VIRTUAL WORKPLACE"

- Appears to be unstable and unsecure
- Establishes a sold employment history with multiple employers
- Offers several employment options
- Promotes innovation and enhances productivity in the workplace
- Different methods/tactics are used, broadens problem-solving/improves productivity and increases options on the career path

CCL Work Divided into THREE General Categories

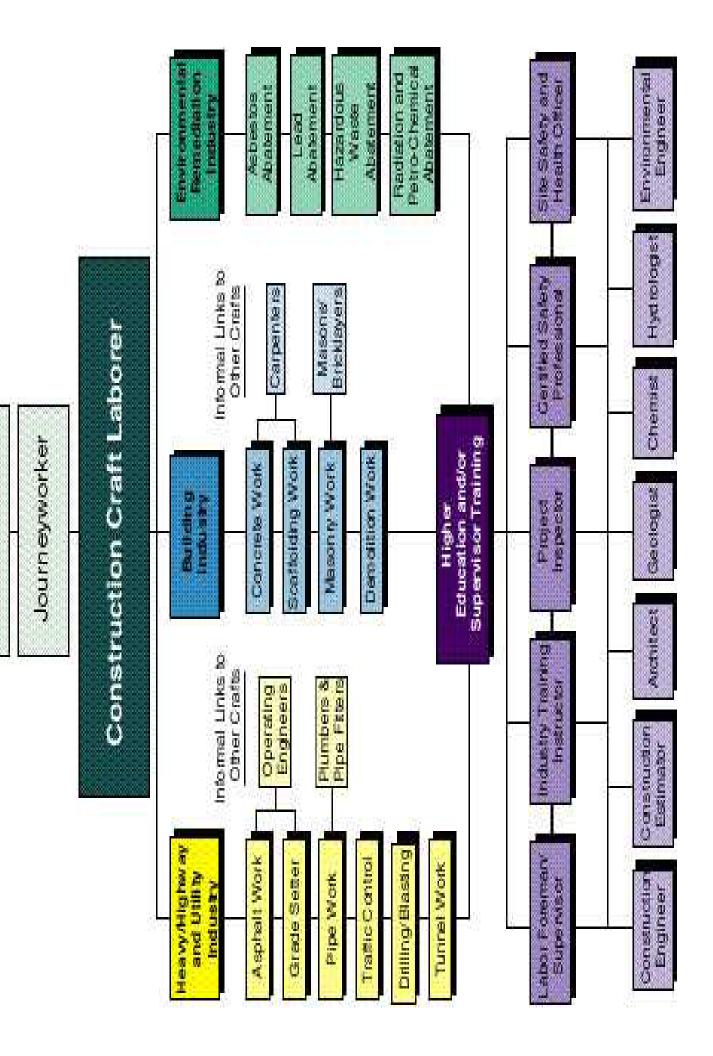
- Heavy/Highway and Utility Construction
- Building Construction
- Environmental Remediation



• It is Best to Gain Experience in *ALL THREE* Industries

The Variety of Work Tasks of the CCL Leads to Informal Links to Career Paths In:

- Other Skilled Construction Crafts
- Construction Management
- Company Ownership
- Labor Union Leadership
- Industry Training and Education
- Construction Equipment/Materials Manufacturing
- Higher Education
 - Safety Professionsal
 - Construction Architecture
 - Engineering



Apprentice

Currently Those Entering LIUNA Have TWO Entrance Options

- JOURNEYMAN
 - Depends on level of skills
 - New Entrant Assessment



- APPRENTICE
 - 73 Programs
 - 4,500 Apprentices
 - 18 yrs/Physically Fit
 - HS Diploma/GED
 - Minimum 144 hrs Classroom Training
 - 4,000 On the Job
 Training
 - Reciprocity
 Agreement
 w/National Labor
 College (BS or Assoc)

BEST PRACTICES/CHALLENGES IN MWTP/BMWTP

- Recruit for the Apprenticeship Program
- Joint Involvement of Local Union, Training Fund and CBO in Recruitment and Screening
- Pattern Program To Simulate Industry
- Plan Job Skills Training to Compliment Actual Jobs in Area
- Emphasize Laborers are the "Gateway" to all areas of the Industry
- Lifelong Learning/Continuous Training



