



2010 Top Notch Awards Program Application

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Top Notch Mission

Top Notch is a unified group of diverse construction employers and labor organizations partnering to coordinate the interests, goals, and efforts of our industry. Top Notch will provide and coordinate the training and education of construction skills in order to bring the best value to our clients. As the leaders of our industry, we are skilled on principle union by choice.

Top Notch Labor Management Foundation Award Eligibility

Applicants for the Labor Management Partnership of the Year Award **MUST:**

- Include a labor partner and a management partner as applicants.
- All applicants must currently be financially contributing to Top Notch as a member.

(Either via language in a collective bargaining agreement, through a contractor association or via an annual donation.)

Top Notch Labor Management Partnership Application Checklist

- Review the Top Notch Labor Management Partnership Standards of Excellence listed below.
- A completed Top Notch Awards Program application must be postmarked by **MARCH 19, 2010**.
- Please provide a list of references, including between five and fifteen individuals who have participated in the partnership. Please provide accurate mailing addresses and email addresses for each reference. Each reference will be asked to complete a questionnaire, which will become a portion of your application. Questionnaires will be returned directly to the Top Notch office.
- All reference questionnaires must be forwarded by the deadline in the self-addressed envelopes provided. Please follow up with your references to ensure they have completed the required questionnaire.

Top Notch Labor Management Standards of Excellence

Top Notch Labor Management Relations: A unique labor and management partnership is exhibited in all areas from training, project delivery to innovation. The partnership is a developed cohesiveness between both groups that remains focused on a successful construction project for our clients/customers/end users. Top Notch Contractors and Craftsmen maintain an overall awareness of the total project and a commitment to the efficient coordination of work between all trades. The end result is a more cohesive approach to construction, which creates value for our industry and our client/customers/end users.



LABOR MANAGEMENT FOUNDATION AWARD APPLICATION

APPLICANT #1 (REPRESENTING LABOR):

APPLICANT #2 (REPRESENTING MANAGEMENT)

MAILING ADDRESS FOR SUBMITTING ORGANIZATION:

CITY:

STATE/ZIP CODE:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

WEBSITE:

**HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE FINANCIALLY AS A TOP NOTCH MEMBER?
PLEASE SELECT ALL OPTIONS THAT APPLY:**

- We contribute as a result of language in our collective bargaining agreements.
- We belong to a Labor Management Partnership that contributes to Top Notch.
Partnership name:
- We belong to a contractor or subcontractor association that contributes to Top Notch.
Association name:

2010 Top Notch Awards Program Narrative

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Describe a program or initiative that featured the partnership of your union and union contractor working together to strengthen the union construction industry.

Describe how your labor management partnership resulted in a more successful project for a client, customer or end user. Describe your program in detail, including specific examples.

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Describe how your labor management partnership has impacted the construction industry as a whole. Describe your impact in detail, including specific examples.

Describe how your labor management partnership remains focused on innovation in your sector of the industry. Describe your programs in details, including specific examples.