

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 Apprenticeship Excellence Award:

Applicants for the Apprenticeship Excellence Award MUST:

- Be a JATC for one of the unions of the Indiana State Building Trades.
- Be associated with a union currently financially contributing to Top Notch.

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

Top Notch Apprenticeship Excellence Application Checklist

- Review the Top Notch Union Standards of Excellence listed below.
- A completed Top Notch Awards Program application must be postmarked by **MARCH 19, 2010**.
- Additional Required Documentation: Please attach a copy of your program graduation rates for the past five years.
- Please provide a list of references, including ten apprentices who are currently enrolled in your program and five journeyman who have graduated. 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. 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 Apprenticeship Standards of Excellence

In the Indiana Union Construction Industry, there is a commitment to continuous training/education. The established foundation, through jointly managed apprenticeship programs investing more than 25 million dollars in training annually on over 10,000 apprentices, is unparalleled in the construction industry. In addition, the continuing educational opportunities provided by both labor and management outside of the apprenticeship programs are integral. The end result is a more qualified, productive, and professional workforce for our industry and our client/customers/end users.

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APPRENTICESHIP EXCELLENCE APPLICATION

JATC NAME:

CONTACT NAME:

ADDRESS:

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 union collective bargaining agreements.
- We belong to a Labor Management Partnership that contributes to Top Notch (also referred to as the Construction Industry Progress Council of Indiana or CIPC.)

Partnership name:

2010 Top Notch Awards Program Narrative

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Describe your program's curriculum as it relates directly to productivity on a job site. How does your training program teach productivity and efficiency? Describe your programs in detail, including specific examples.

Describe your training program's commitment to continuing education, including how you encourage members to participate. Describe how your program partners with contractors to offer training to journeymen. Describe your programs in detail, including specific examples.

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Describe how labor and management work together to administer your training program. Describe unique training programs that have resulted from the labor management dialogue in your sector. Describe programs in detail, including specific examples.

Describe how your training program has been part of the construction industry economic development solution. Include how your program formally instructs apprentices to be part of the same solution. Describe your programs in detail, including specific examples.