

## **Women in the Trades 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference - Women Building California -**

### **Summary**

- Seeking funding for one or two JIW women to attend conference.
- Where: Los Angeles Marriott, Los Angeles, CA
- When: May 2-3 2009

### **Introduction**

- Background
  - The conference is a statewide conference for women who work in construction or are interested in exploring a construction career. The hope is to bring more women into the trades and offer them skills, resources and support to thrive in these careers through retirement.
  - Invites tradeswomen to network, and to develop skills and strategies to recruit, retain and promote leadership of women on the jobsite and in their unions.
  - Attendees include politicians, union leaders, apprenticeship coordinators, contractors, and tradeswomen who facilitate more than 20 workshops and plenary sessions.

### **Key Benefits**

- Promotes union growth by direct recruitment means.
- Identifies networking opportunities for cross jurisdictional entities.
- Promotes other non-tangible positive returns vis a vis public image.
- Promotes best practices of equal involvement in a traditional gender oriented profession.
- In short, the better we look, the more people will be interested in who we are, and what we do.

### **Costs**

- Airfare - Standard commercial coach fares from Seattle/Tacoma International to LAX *\*average cost per person \$250.00 round trip.*
- Registration Fee - \$70.00 *\*\$10.00 discount for members of SBCTC affiliated unions*
- Hotel Accommodations - *\$129.00 single occupancy, \$139.00 double occupancy*
- Meals - Continental breakfast and lunch for both days included in fee.

### **Conclusion**

As all of our members know, safety is priority #1 among Ironworkers. We stress it in everything we do. Local 86 apprentices must spend days and weeks in the classroom learning about safety and on the job best practices. Our veteran Journeymen are constantly going back for safety retraining and to refresh their knowledge base.

We spend millions of dollars each year on safety training and refresher classes so everyone can learn best practices and the latest techniques. There's nothing we take more seriously than the safety and training of our members. It starts with our newest members, our apprentices, and goes all the way up to our Journeymen.

The above opportunity represents a natural extension of our continued drive toward excellence and professionalism.

Our apprenticeship mission statement says it all: To train Ironworkers to the highest level of safety and productivity.

Thank you for your consideration.

In Solidarity -

Carolina Taylor