BUILDING INDUSTRY SUCCESS THROUGH WORLD-CLASS TRAINING

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Why go union?

The District Council of Iron Workers of the State of California and Vicinity (DCIW) commits to turning out the most skilled, dependable workers in California, Arizona and Nevada. Through its University of Iron, DCIW trains its men and women to be the best at their trade, learning the latest technologies affecting the industry and most current safety standards required of local, state and federal contracting jobs. Our members also are professionals, showing up drug-free, on time and ready to work. By choosing to hire members of DCIW’s Locals, you get quality and reliability.

△ Training the very best

To get the best workforce, DCIW and signatory contractors invest in training. Costs are covered by contractual hourly contributions to the Apprenticeship Trust. Funding covers a four-year apprenticeship, where men and women receive both on-the-job and classroom training. The training is world class and time-intensive. Every year apprentices must complete a minimum 1,400 hours of on-the-job training under the guidance of highly skilled Ironworkers, as well as a minimum of 160 hours of instruction in a classroom. Apprentices graduate with several safety and welding certifications and the ability to step into leadership positions. Continuous education also is provided to journeymen who seek to continually update their skills to stay competitive and employable.
Quality + Safety = Reduced costs

Safety continues to be a top priority in the industry. DCIW is proud to be a leader in jobsite safety. Training classes include OSHA 10, OSHA 30, First Aid/CPR, forklift training and scaffold user classes. Combine that with the practical experience on the latest welding, erecting and rigging equipment, and that means jobs get done right the first time. Top-quality safety and training equates to cost savings. How? If it’s done right the first time, you aren’t spending money on labor or new materials to fix poor quality work and you don’t risk added costs of missing a deadline. In the end, you improve on-time and on-budget performance.
Local 75

Building a glass walkway that hangs 4,000 feet above the Colorado River requires a special attention to detail provided by ironworkers from Local 75, working for Southwest Steel. The glass-and-steel Grand Canyon Skywalk at Eagle Point on the Hualapai Tribal Nation reservation extends 70 feet beyond the canyon rim, giving tourists a unique view of the river below.

Local 118

Ironworkers working for Southern Folger installed more than 127,000 steel panels, 100,000 anchors and 124,000 feet of weld while working on the $900-million California Health Care Facility in Stockton, keeping to a tight schedule. Each building of the 1.2 million-square-foot facility was turned over in 30 days. The center provides medical and mental health care for more than 1,700 patient-inmates.
Local 229

Ironworkers worked with Gerdau Reinforcing and SME Steel Contractors Inc. to build the San Diego Central Library and its iconic dome, an incredible engineering wonder constructed from a network of eight steel ribs and eight steel-mesh sails. Each sail weighs 17 tons. The parts are tied together by cable and pipe grids. At 143 feet in diameter, this dome is larger than the U.S. Capitol. The $184.9 million library project began in August 2010 and opened in September 2013.

Local 155

Working with Bechtel Corporation and Tri-Steel Corporation, skilled Ironworkers helped build California Valley Solar Ranch in San Luis Obispo County on time and on budget. The 250-megawatt solar ranch generates enough electricity for approximately 100,000 homes. The project, completed in 2013, employed as many as 700 workers during peak construction.
Local 377

It takes an expert team to get an NFL stadium with more than 25,000 tons of steel erected. More than 300 ironworkers on the job for Gerdau Reinforcing, SME Steel Contractors, Southwest Steel, Olson Steel, Camblin Steel, Northwest Signs and Danny’s Construction built the new home to the San Francisco 49ers. Levi’s Stadium – a $1.2 billion facility that seats 68,500 and features photovoltaic panels and stadium-wide Wi-Fi capability – also will be the site of Super Bowl L in 2016.

Local 378

Ironworkers on the job for Blattner Energy handled a lot of heavy rigging and high torquing of high-tension bolts on the Vasco Wind 1 & 2 Energy Center repower project. They replaced 438 existing turbines with 34 new Siemens turbines, providing a 150 percent increase in energy output. The new turbines stand at 430 feet and spin much faster, eclipsing the 100-foot turbines installed in the 1970s and 1980s.
Local 416
Ironworkers with Steel Engineers Inc. and Harris Rebar were instrumental in the construction of the Mike O’Callaghan–Pat Tillman Memorial Bridge, which makes up the central portion of the Hoover Dam Bypass that speeds traffic between Arizona and Nevada, across the Colorado River. The $240-million bridge is seventh highest in the world and features a 1,060-foot twin-rib concrete arch. It’s made up of 16 million pounds of steel, two million feet of cable and 30,000 cubic yards of concrete.

Local 433
Too big to be called a Ferris wheel, the 550-foot High Roller in Las Vegas is the world’s largest observation wheel. Ironworkers, working with American Bridge, assembled more than 7 million pounds of steel and more than 4.7 miles of cable to create an instant icon on the Las Vegas skyline.
Do it right the first time

Get the ironwork services you need, no matter where you are or how many Ironworkers your project demands. The District Council of Iron Workers of the State of California and Vicinity represents eight Local unions, serving California, Arizona and Nevada. Our Ironworkers undergo years of rigorous training that focuses on quality, safety and productivity – all so your project finishes on time and on budget. Contact one of our Locals today to learn how we do it right the first time.