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Association News



AC Speaker Spotlight: Joshua Franklin, MBA, CSP, SMS, CET, CPCU, ARM

Breakout Session: Safety's Competitive Advantage and the Value of Safety and Health Certification in Construction

Compliance with state and federal regulations is the absolute minimum and does not ensure the safety and health of workers. Safety and health, in today's dynamic construction industry, must no longer be defined as the absence of harm and death. But how do you turn safety into competitive advantage and what place do safety and health certifications play in building value, trust and credibility in construction? This presentation includes practical tips on advancing safety and health in your organization as well as personal stories from NAWIC members on their certification journeys.

About Joshua:

Joshua Franklin is a safety and professional development expert and serves as the Business Growth and Partnership Director at the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

Previously, Josh served in the United States Air Force as the Career Field Manager for Air Force Safety, where he led 781 military safety professionals worldwide.



Atlanta Braves/Sun Trust Park Outing

Please join the National Association of Women in Construction of Atlanta for a fun night out at Sun Trust Park as we watch the Braves take on the Miami Marlins! Best part of all, join us as a group prior to the game as we will be parading around the field for group recognition! **Be sure to wear NAWIC branded or red apparel or even your favorite team's shirt for the game.**



NAWIC Atlanta Outing; Tuesday, Aug. 20 @ 7:20 p.m.

Please arrive no later than 6 p.m. at the 3rd Base Ramp inside the stadium between sections 133 and 135 in order to participate in the parade. Late arrivals will unfortunately not be granted access beyond 6 p.m.

This is open to anyone that wants to attend under the NAWIC name. Tickets are \$25 each.

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A Tradeswoman Melds Style and Glamour With Ironwork

Bored of her decade-long career as a graphic designer, Blue Coble of Phoenix ditched her desk job and picked up a wrench instead. Now she helps inspire other women to pursue a career in construction.

"I was a manager, and making good money for what graphic designers can make," Coble says. But at the time in her late 20s, she had "hit the ceiling of what I could do where I was. I wanted more."

Inspired by seeing ironworkers assemble the iconic Hoover Dam Bridge spanning Arizona and Nevada, she began to think about performing the physically demanding work herself. After checking out Local Union 75 in Phoenix, Coble decided to give it a go. "I ended up really falling in love with it, and the union was really supportive, so it was easy to stay," she says.

Source: [enr.com](#)

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Tips to Prepare for Peak Workloads

To reduce the stress you feel during peak workloads, it helps to be prepared. Think about the times when you're at your busiest, like during popular vacation times or before a monthly board meeting, and plan ahead to tackle the extra work.

Source: asae.com

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New Funding to Support Women in Apprenticeship, Expand Job Opportunities – WANTO Grant Program

Last week, the Women’s Bureau announced the availability of \$1.5 million in grant funding available to recruit, mentor, train and retain more women in quality apprenticeship programs and pursue careers in manufacturing, infrastructure, cybersecurity and health care, among other industries.

“Apprenticeships provide a pathway to family-sustaining jobs,” said Women’s Bureau Acting Director Erica Clayton Wright. “As the Trump administration works to expand apprenticeship across all industries and sectors of our economy, we remain committed to advancing women’s access to these opportunities.”

The Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) grant program will award \$1.5 million to community-based organizations to encourage women's employment in apprenticeship and nontraditional occupations. Grants will be awarded to up to six community-based organizations.

Applicants must provide one or more of the following types of technical assistance:

- Developing pre-apprenticeship or nontraditional skills training programs to prepare women for those careers
- Providing ongoing orientations for employers, unions, and workers on creating a successful environment for women to succeed in those careers; and
- Setting up support groups, facilitating networks, and/or providing supportive services for women to improve their retention.

Grant applications are due on July 8. Please note that this year, the Funding Opportunity Announcement appears under a new Assistance Listing Number (17.701). [Click here to view the solicitation for grant applications.](#)

For information about the program see our [frequently asked questions](#) and view the [press release](#).

You can find the list of 2018 grant recipients on the Women’s Bureau [WANTO page](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Advancing Women in Trades Event Highlights Need for Women in the Workforce

Dove Sifers-Putman, Southeast Market Manager for Environamics, moderated a second panel with women working in the industry, which she calls “male-populated” rather than “male-dominated.” And for panelist Rebecca Axford, director of Raleigh-Durham Electrical JATC, events like this demonstrated progress that she

hoped to see for women in the trades.

“I don’t think you can have forward progress without changing the scenery,” she said of the low number of women in the field. “It was so cool when I got the invite.”

Source: ednc.org

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NEF offers Online Testing for CDT

at NAWIC's Annual Conference!

Get your score instantly!

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Candidates must be pre-registered with a confirmed CDT course book and exam purchase. Contact NEF for details. Candidates must also provide a laptop to participate; scores will be available upon completion!

Testing is available for all other NEF courses with its paper/pencil option. These other courses will not be reviewed prior to testing; there will be no online testing option at Annual Conference. Pre-registration with NEF is required.

NEF to offer ONLINE Testing at Annual Conference!!!!

For the first time, NEF will offer online testing for **CDT only** during its all-day CDT course review and exam session on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at NAWIC's 64th Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Contact NEF at nawicedu@gmail.com or by phone at 866-277-2883 for more information.



Education / Training

Webinar - Your Personal Power

Description: Do you have the personal power you need to achieve your goals? Learn the true meaning of personal power by joining this PD&E Webinar.

- Requirements for wielding your personal power
- Developing drive and focus
- Mental toughness
- Developing your personal plan of action

Date: Tuesday, June 18 at Noon CST

Presenters: Julie Salinas & Vickie Nickel, CIT

Attendees: Current NAWIC Members

Join the session: <http://www.nawic.org/nawic/Webinars.asp>



NAWIC Benefits Spotlight



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Trump Signs \$19B Disaster Aid Bill, Including Billions for Infrastructure

President Donald Trump on Thursday signed a \$19 billion natural disaster relief and recovery bill that includes billions for infrastructure work.

Source: ConstructionDive.com

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Analysts Say Infrastructure, Modularization, Resiliency are Top Industry Drivers

Approaching the halfway mark of the year, the commercial construction industry is strong, staving off any premature cooling before an impending economic downturn and integrating innovation in relatively slow but steady measures all the time.

But what do experts anticipate for the rest of the year and going into next?

Source: ConstructionDive.com

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More Construction Firms See the Value of Lean

Companies are leveraging lean construction practices to save time, money and resources.

Source: ConstructionDive.com

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