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Union Ironworkers Make a New Year's Resolution

Resolution ensures a productive and well-trained workforce in 2009 and beyond

WASHINGTON DC (January 15, 2009) – Union Ironworkers, the skilled tradesmen who do more than you can imagine, announce their New Year's Resolution. In 2009, Union Ironworkers resolve to actively pursue relationships with contractors with whom no relationship exists to productively manage construction projects and workloads ensuring projects are completed on time and under budget.

“Our New Year's Resolution is a promise to contractors that we have not worked with in the past, that we will provide flexible help, a well-trained workforce, lower safety-related costs, the development of strong project supervision, a focused marketing effort and a high level of productivity in 2009,” said Joseph Hunt, general president of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers. “Our members are ready and able to work, well-trained and committed to improving the economic and operational success of those contractors we work with.”

A relationship with Union Ironworkers includes various business benefits for contractors including no benefits administration costs, lower crew turnover and savings as a result of a more productive workforce. A productive workforce results in a project that is completed on time and under budget and vital to the business success of contractors and owners.

“Union construction workers have been found to be 17% more productive – and good labor productivity not only reduces project costs, but it improves the project's schedule and quality,” says Dean Findley of Independent Project Analysis, Inc., who independently reviews between 700 and 900 construction projects annually in order to provide relevant comparisons.

This New Year's Resolution is a commitment based on the Ironworker Standard of Excellence, which reinforces the pride of every Ironworker and the commitment to be the most skilled, most productive and safest building trade. Contractors and owners can visit www.IronworkersDoMore.com to see the various projects, the wide-ranging capabilities and review the Ironworker Standard of Excellence.

About Union Ironworkers

Members of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers are part of the construction trades. It is their job to unload, erect and connect steel beams that form the skeleton of a structure in addition to working in precast concrete, metal buildings, reinforcing steel, ornamental iron and metal curtain wall construction. Throughout the United States and Canada there are over 120,000 union Ironworkers. More information can be found at www.Ironworkers.org or www.IMPACT-net.org.

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