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## **Union Ironworkers Provide Training for Green Energy Job Corps**

*Accredited Apprenticeship Training Program Secures Safety and Productivity throughout United States and Canada*

Washington D.C. (March 4, 2009) – The skilled tradesmen who do more than you can imagine – **Union Ironworkers** – in response to Vice-President Biden’s recent comments regarding green jobs training, are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to install and maintain green energy projects in a safe and productive manner throughout the United States and Canada.

“Vice-President Biden is correct in stating that a well-trained workforce is required to successfully erect, install and maintain the promising green energy category. Our members are not only capable of successfully achieving this goal, but also in a position to immediately begin work on green and renewable energy projects as soon as the economic stimulus package is appropriated,” said Joseph Hunt, general president of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers.

Ironworkers train in three and four-year programs that offer the opportunity for college credit towards an Associate’s Degree and various opportunities for lifelong careers in the green energy sector. The national training curriculum also includes certification programs that ensure consistency and a high-level of instruction. Training includes learning techniques that focus on welding, placing and tying rebar, rigging of materials and equipment, structural steel erection, miscellaneous steel installation and ornamental ironworking to include installation and retrofit of glass curtain and window wall systems.

“Our union has been in existence for over one hundred years and during that time we have evolved into a centralized training operation that ensures a productive workforce for our contractors,” said Hunt. “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, especially in the green energy sector.”

### **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 in local hiring halls and fabrication shops. More information can be found at [www.Ironworkers.org](http://www.Ironworkers.org) or [www.IMPACT-net.org](http://www.IMPACT-net.org).

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