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Union Ironworkers throughout West Virginia Prepare for an Increase in Work

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA—June 22, 2009--Researched by Industrial Info Resources (Sugar Land, Texas)-- Construction contractors can expect \$15.4 billion in various industrial and manufacturing projects this coming year in the state of West Virginia. With this expected onslaught of work, contractors can enjoy many business benefits from a relationship with **Union Ironworkers** throughout West Virginia. Among the benefits is a well-trained, drug-free and safe work force in the West Virginia industrial manufacturing and construction market.

To address the coming work, **Union Ironworkers** have committed to the development of a more productive work force, which is the most significant benefit that **Union Ironworkers** provide. Additionally, **Union Ironworkers** offer flexible help, lower safety-related costs and the development of strong project supervision. **Union Ironworkers** also provide significant business benefits to contractors, including no benefits-administration costs, savings from utilizing apprentices to lower overall crew costs and lower turnover, as most of our members are working for a career, not just a job.

"Our members are prepared to work hard for our contractors and ensure our time on the job site is productive so that projects are completed on time and within budget," said Keith Hughes, president of Ironworkers Local No. 549, Wheeling, WV.

A more productive work force will be required as the current economic downturn begins to impact the construction industry in West Virginia.

"Training has always been the major benefit of a relationship with us and as the economy recharges we are prepared to put that training to work," Hughes said. "We are trained on the most current welding techniques and work with the newest technology so that our journeymen and apprentices are the most prepared when stepping onto a job site."

For the industrial market alone it is estimated that 119 projects will begin in 2009.

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 or www.IMPACT-net.org.

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