

# **April 2025 BCP Newsletter**

# **Upcoming Bid Credit Program Webinars**

The future offerings of the monthly informational webinar, Advantages of the Bid Credit Program, have been postponed so the Bid Credit Team can address the updates from the anticipated administrative rules.

Please watch our <u>website</u> for future dates and times of this newly updated webinar to be presented!



The BCP Team attended the Tradeswomen Take Over Springfield event on March 5, 2025 at the Illinois State Capital. Despite women representing nearly 50% of the workforce, they make up less than 5% of those working in the construction and building trades. The event focused on this inequality, asking to reaffirm the State's commitment to expanding workforce opportunities for all individuals who wish to pursue a career in the trades.

### HIRE360 Graduate Highlight - Lucas DePerry



Lucas DePerry, a Native American (Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa), who resides in Chicago, graduated this past November as part of HIRE360's third Illinois Works cohort. Throughout the program, he demonstrated a strong interest in several trades, including Sheet Metal Workers, Pipefitters, and Plumbers...



### ILWPP Graduate Success Stories

We love graduate success stories!

Do you have an ILWPP graduate/apprentice that you would like to recognize for their remarkable achievement or for overcoming a significant challenge?

If so, please submit the following <u>form</u> and someone from the BCP team will be in touch with you.

> ILWPP Graduate Success Stories Form

# March 2025 New Contractor Shoutout!

- Warrior One Trucking
- 1 Source Mechanical Inc.
- Montefusco HVAC, Inc.
- Raynor Door Co., Inc. of the Quad Cities
- Lake Contracting, Inc.
- EarthWerks Land Improvement & Development Corporation

- Sesser Pave & Seal, Inc.
- A&P Glass and Aluminum Industries, LLC
- Raptor Construction Inc.
- Yellow Line 21 Inc
- Balance Solar, LLC
- ALL Construction Group



## HIRE360 Grantee Highlight

HIRE360 is a Chicago-based nonprofit that connects communities to career opportunities in construction, hospitality, and related sectors through workforce development, pre-apprenticeship training, and business support programs. It serves as an industry-led, communityfocused intermediary to bridge the gap between employers, trade unions, and job seekers...

## **Required Information**

As the BCP anticipates the approval of the administrative rules, please check out the tips below regarding the information required for the BCP forms you will need to complete:

#### **Contractor Registration**

- FULL company name, FEIN, corporate address, and contact information including email
- Construction trades, company size, years in business and certifications
- ALL BCP contractors MUST have staff hired and working within the borders of the State of Illinois, if you do NOT your registration will be DECLINED

#### **Bid Credit Apprentice Report (Requesting Bid Credits)**

- Employee/Apprentice name, Last 4 of SSN, and Illinois Works Graduate ID (IWRS)
  - If your employee/apprentice does NOT know their IWRS number they will need to contact their ILWPP grantee.
- Apprenticeship program type, name, and current apprentice year for employee/apprentice
- Certified payroll report for verification of total payroll hours, total gross wages, payroll date, and payroll start and end dates

# **Upcoming Bid Credit Program Events**

Underground Contractors

Associated Builders and Contractors



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👛 Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Association (UCA) Spring Showcase

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM (ABC) <u>Afterhours Networking</u> <u>Event</u>

Thursday, May 1, 2025 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

If you have an upcoming meeting or event where you think the BCP Team could outreach the advantages of the program to your organization, email us at CEO.BidCreditProgram@illinois.gov.

#### **Timeline to Launch**

Are you prepared for the BCP to launch? Please follow the steps below to ensure your company will be ready:

- 1. <u>Register</u> for your own BCP Account Number
- 2. Bookmark the **BCP webpage**
- 3. Request an ILWPP graduate
- Review the <u>Contractor Registry</u> for networking opportunities



#### Learn more about the Bid Credit Program

Illinois Works Bid Credit Program

Illinois Works Employer Form

Contractor Registration Form

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