



September 2026 BCP Newsletter

Illinois Works First Annual Regional Career Fair

IL Works will hold its first Regional Career Fair on Thursday, October 22, at the Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, IL. In collaboration with CISCO, the IL Works Career Services Team is partnering with Union Apprenticeship Programs and Industry Partners to connect IL Works Pre-apprenticeship graduates with future career opportunities in the construction industry. For more information and to register, click the link:

[IL Works Regional Career Fair, Northern District](#)



[Job Order Request](#)

[Graduate List Request](#)

**Du Quoin State Fair
Veterans' Day Benefit**



(Pictured above, left to right: Robert Brice, Assistant Deputy Director, IL Works; Rosalia Boccardi, Bid Credit Program Manager; Mrs. Linda Harnetiaux and Marine Lance Corporal Larry Harnetiaux.)



The Bid Credit Program Team was honored to meet many local veterans and their families at the 2026 Du Quoin State Fair on Sunday, August 30. Veterans are the most underrepresented populations in the construction industry trades according to the IDOL 2026 Annual Report. The Office of IL Works prioritizes veterans, as well as women and people of color, to increase equity and inclusion in the construction and building trades. The **IL Works Pre-apprenticeship Program (ILWPP)** equips individuals with the foundation for a successful career in construction, while **IL Works Career Services** connects them to potential employers and into a DOL-RAP once they graduate.

Learn more about [Career Services](#) and [IL Works Pre-apprenticeship Program](#) on our websites.



Need Help Navigating the IL Works Bid Credit Program?

We're Here to Help!



Join our Bid Credit informational session in October:

October 8, 2026 from 10am-11am.

Join the Webex link below:

[Boosting Competitiveness: A Contractor's Guide to Illinois Works and the Bid Credit Program](#)

To schedule an individual technical assistance session to go over the Bid Credit Program platform, please email us directly at:

If you have hired a **Qualified Apprentice**, here is an example of how much you **could** earn in a year (Using the highest and lowest paid trades according to IDOL):

Trade Title	Mean Prevailing Wage Effective 1/30/2026	Bid Credit Earnings for 1 Year (2,080 hours)	Bid Credit Earnings for 6 Years (12,480 hours)
Electric Power Lineman	\$65.47	\$68,088.80	\$408,532.80
Painter Over 30 Ft.	\$34.61	\$35,994.40	\$215,966.40

(Bid Credits can be calculated by taking the hours your Qualified Apprentice worked X the mean prevailing wage for the trade worked X \$0.50)

Find out how much your trade can earn!

[Click Here!](#)

Newsletter Highlight & ILWPP Graduate Success Stories

We love graduate success stories! We also would love a chance to feature your company/organization/graduate in our newsletter!

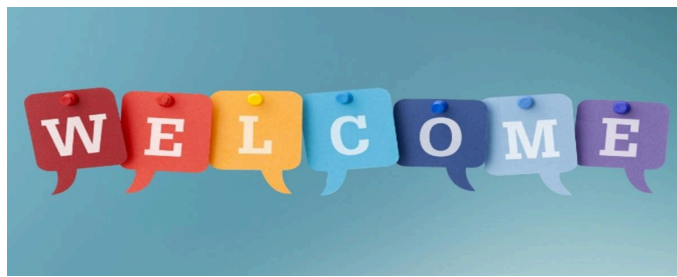
Do you have an ILWPP graduate/apprentice that you would like to recognize for their remarkable achievement or for overcoming a significant challenge?

If so, please submit the following [form](#) and someone from the BCP team will be in touch with you.

[BCP Newsletter Highlight Form](#)

September 2026 New Contractor Shoutout!

- Pryor Contracting, LLC



Bid Credits Awarded During September 2026!

- Laverdiere Construction, Inc. \$5,993.82

You can view all BCP Registered Contractors' total Bid Credit bank balances on our [Bid Credit Registry](#) that is updated monthly.

Bid Credit Launch Q&A

Click on each box for the answer!

How Much Can I Earn?

Is My Apprentice Bid Credit Eligible?

Bid Credit Submission Tips?

Illinois Works In the News

- [Illinois Ranks #1 for Workforce Development in Midwest, Climbs to #3 in the Nation](#)
- [Illinois pre-apprenticeship programs boost tradesworker diversity](#)
- [Illinois leads Midwest in workforce development](#)



Upcoming Bid Credit Program Events

[HIRE360 Illinois Works Career Fair](#)

Chicagoland Laborer's District Council Training Center
Chicago, IL
October 1, 2026
9 am - 11:30 am

[ASA Chicago Meet the GC's](#)

Addison, IL
October 6, 2026

[Chicago Build 2026 Expo](#)

Government Hub

October 28 - 29, 2026

8 am - 5 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.

Upcoming Bid Credit Program Webinars

Advantages of the Bid Credit Program Webinar

This **UPDATED** informational webinar will provide updates from the administrative rules that have been approved.

Effectively Earning Bid Credits Webinar

This **NEW** webinar will provide instructions on how to use our Bid Credit platform and how to earn Bid Credits.

Please check our [website](#) for upcoming dates and times for both webinars! Keep an eye out for another email from us with webinar dates and times, as well as registration links!

Timeline to Launch

Are you prepared now that the BCP has launched? Please follow the steps below to ensure your company is ready:

1. [Register](#) for your own BCP Account Number
2. Bookmark the [BCP Webpage](#)
3. [Request](#) an ILWPP graduate
4. Review the [Contractor Registry](#) for networking opportunities
5. Begin requesting Bid Credits for a qualified apprentice using the [Bid Credit Apprentice Report \(Request for Bid Credits\)](#)



Learn more about the Bid Credit Program

[Illinois Works Bid Credit Program](#)

[Illinois Works Graduate Request](#)

Contractor Registration Form

Bid Credit Apprentice Report
(Request for Bid Credits)

Bid Credit Certificate Request



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