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When 1,000 tradeswomen who work in every craft in the building and construction trades come together, it's powerful. Women Building the Nation is the largest conference of its type in the world.

Although the percentage of women who work with the tools remains far too low, **Women Building the Nation** welcomes women into the trades and offers both new and experienced tradeswomen opportunities for networking, skill building, leadership development and organizing.

This national conference grew out of the annual Women Building California conference, sponsored by the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California since 2002. This will be the fifth national conference, co-sponsored by North America's Building Trades Unions (BCTD).

Each year, tradeswomen, union leaders, apprenticeship coordinators, contractors, and politicians facilitate more than 40 workshops and plenary sessions. Workshop tracks include: Pre-apprentices; Staying In and Staying Strong; Promoting Leadership; Policy & Politics; Career Ladders; and Nourishing Extras.

Opening this year's conference on the evening of May 1 will be a "Meet and Greet" event for women who are leaders and mentors. Closing the conference will be a Policy Forum on May 3, sponsored by the National Task Force on Tradeswomen's Issues.

A special Pre-Apprenticeship Institute will be held on May 1 for those who coordinate and staff pre-apprenticeship programs. (Note: this event is for practitioners not for pre-apprentices.) Workshops, round-tables and speakers will enable attendees to share experiences and best practices for recruiting and engaging women in your programs and successfully placing them into construction apprenticeships. We encourage pre-apprenticeship staff to stay for the full conference.

Jointly planned by the California Building Trades Council, Tradeswomen Inc., a Los Angeles Host Committee and the North America's Building Trades Committee for Women in the Trades, Women Building the Nation 2015 promises to be more exciting and productive than ever.



For More Information
916-443-3302

To Register On-Line
www.sbctc.org

2015 Registration Form

REGISTRATION FEE:

\$ 75 per person* (postmarked/submitted by Feb. 20)
\$100 per person* (postmarked/submitted by April 23)
\$125 per person* (April 24 through paying at the door)
includes two continental breakfasts & lunches and conference reception

*\$15 discount (per person) for members of BCTD-affiliated unions.

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP INSTITUTE:

Separate fee for Institute only (includes lunch)
\$65 per person (postmarked/submitted by April 23)
\$75 per person (April 24 through paying at the door)

VENDORS: A limited number of vendor tables are available for \$300/table, plus registration fees for each person staffing the table. Before sending your check or paying on-line, contact dchaplan@sbctc.org to be sure tables are available.

SPONSORS: If your union or organization would like to sponsor a conference event or a group of pre-apprentices, donations will be gratefully accepted. Contact dchaplan@sbctc.org for sponsorship levels.

For more information: 916-443-3302
To register on-line: www.sbctc.org

Amount Enclosed: \$_____

If sending one check for multiple people, please indicate amount paid per person. Make registration check payable to **State Building Trades Council** and return with this form to the address below. Or register on-line at **www.sbctc.org**

Please print clearly! Complete one form for each attendee (make copies as needed)

NAME	
BADGE NAME (IF DIFFERENT)	
ORGANIZATION/UNION	LOCAL #
ADDRESS	
CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY	
PHONE	E-MAIL

Note times & check all you will attend:
☐ Pre-Apprenticeship Institute (5/1) ☐ Meet & Greet (5/1)
☐ Conference (5/2) ☐ Conference (5/3) ☐ Policy Forum (5/3)
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Friday – May 1 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Pre-Apprenticeship Institute
2–8 p.m. Registration opens
5–7 p.m. Meet & Greet

Saturday – May 2 7 a.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:45 a.m. Welcome Plenary
10:30 a.m. Workshop Session I
12:15 p.m. Lunch & Plenary
2:30 p.m. Workshop Session II
4:15 p.m. Caucus by Trade
6 p.m. Conference Reception & Dance

Sunday – May 3 8 a.m. Breakfast
9 a.m. Workshop Session III
10:45 a.m. Workshop Session IV
12:30 p.m. Lunch & Final Plenary
2:30 p.m. National Policy Forum
5:00 p.m. Conference Closes

Note: Agenda subject to change!

Past & potential workshops (2015 list under construction!)

Here are some of the 2014 workshops. We have new workshops each year, so if you’ve come to the conference before, come on back. If you have an idea for a new workshop, let us know.

- Just coming in...

 - Tools of the Trades
 - Applying for apprenticeship 101
 - Surviving & thriving in apprenticeship
 - How to interview well
- Staying strong...

 - Mentoring the next generation
 - Confronting sexual harassment in the real world
 - Rules of the game: the laws that should protect you
 - Safety & health on the job
 - Solving conflicts
 - Challenges and joys of women’s committees
 - Fitness for working in the trades
 - Workshop for men: Being an ally
- Growing leaders...

 - Unions 101: How do they work?
 - Leadership 101: Taking the reins
 - Parliamentary procedure
 - How to influence others: Public speaking
- Policy impacting tradeswomen...

 - Make the law work for you
 - Policy 411 for tradeswomen
 - Construction jobs in the 21st century
- Career ladders...

 - Higher education options
 - Become a contractor
 - Generating income for your retirement years
- Nourishing extras...

 - Blue jean pocket writers
 - Tradeswomen across the globe
 - Using social media for fun and organizing
 - Union women’s history in the making
 - What’s in your lunch bucket?

Also, caucuses by trade, entertainment, networking and much more. . .

More ways to participate!

Video: Are you an established or aspiring video maker? Here’s your chance to showcase your stuff. We’re soliciting videos about working in the trades to show during the conference. (Maximum length is 3 minutes—no exceptions!) All videos must be received on DVD or Flash Drive by April 10.

Art: Are you an artist with tradeswomen-related art to display? We’d love to see it!

Spoken Word: We’re looking for tradeswomen who are poets and spoken word artists to perform at the conference.

Union Banners: We can’t hang these on the walls, but please bring your union banner for the “banner parade” — always a great photo op!

Items for the Tradeswomen Archives: Bring photos and memorabilia of yourself (or friends) on the job. Be prepared to tell your story of working in the trades!

Workshop Ideas/Presenters: Do you have an idea of a workshop topic you’d like to see or present about. Let us know.

For more info about submitting videos, art, being a spoken word artist or submitting workshop ideas at the conference, e-mail dchaplan@sbctc.org.

Hotel Accommodations

Sheraton Gateway LAX, Los Angeles, California
Rate: \$129 per room (plus tax)
To Reserve: 1-800-325-3535 or on-line at www.sbctc.org
Rates based on single or double occupancy, while rooms are available.
Reserve by April 10 for the group rate:
“Women Building Conference.”

Getting There

If you’re flying in:
take the complimentary airport shuttle.
If driving:
From Downtown Los Angeles: Take I-110 S to Interstate 105 West.
From South: Take I-405 N to I-105 West.
From Nor Cal/San Fernando Valley: Take I-5 south to I-405 South to I-105 West.
Once on I-105 West: Exit at Sepulveda Blvd. and head north toward Century Blvd. Turn left onto Avion Drive. The hotel will be on the left.