Chicago Women in the Trades

Women, People of Color

Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) and its principal partner, Oregon Tradeswomen Inc. (OTI), will lead a consortium, that includes Nontraditional Employment for Women; Women in Construction; the Policy Group on Tradeswomen Issues; Tradeswomen Inc.; West Virginia Women Work; Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations for Women; the Transportation Learning Center; and the Institute for Women’s Policy Research. Consortium members will provide service delivery to the industry partners to increase diversity and inclusion of women in Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs); with a specific focus on women of color, women with disabilities, and women from other underrepresented populations such as youth, low-income, immigrants and veterans. The consortium will disseminate resources and replicate best practices across the country to working with a variety of industry partners include the following: the Finishing Trades Institute International; International Training Institute of the Sheet Metal Industry; the International Masonry Institute; and the Ironworkers National Training Cooperative (IMPACT). CWIT will also bring together additional partners to include; the National Governor’s Association (NGA); National Association of Workforce Development Partners (NAWDP); and the National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors (NASTAD) to further facilitate opportunities for women.