

HONOREES: THE STATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA

The mission of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California (SBCTC, or “the Council”) is “to improve the health, jobs, safety and economic conditions of the members of its affiliates, and of all working men, women, and minors in the construction industry,” and the Council has always taken that mission to heart.



The SBCTC has shown their commitment to policy advocacy to “protect and promote the rights and aspirations” of working people, by fighting for important safety and health policy in California. In the last year, Worksafe and the SBCTC worked together to pass a bill, authored by Nancy Skinner (another of our 2015 honorees), to end dangerous and unnecessary delays in fixing workplace hazards that Cal/OSHA finds during an inspection.

Legislative victories like this one lift up the standard for health and safety protection on the job for all of us. Other recent legislative successes have resulted in stronger apprenticeship programs that send union-trained workers into the field with the best skills and safety training available, making the workplace safer for everyone on site. And by ensuring contractor pre-qualification rules for certain jobs, the SBCTC has sought to weed out bad contractors that cut corners on safety or wages.

But, safe and healthy jobs don’t just happen because of good laws; training and education are critical to saving lives and limbs. For all but three years since 2000, the SBCTC has been awarded Susan Harwood Training Grants from federal OSHA to develop curriculum and train California’s unionized construction workforce on safety and health issues.

The Council has built a strong track record and reputation for delivering effective training and education programs. They have created high quality, interactive curricula, and have trained hundreds of trainers and thousands of union members on a variety of topics, ranging from Ergonomics in Construction, Falls and Rescue Planning, Toxics, and Construction Noise and Hearing Loss Prevention.

Since 2002, the Council has sponsored the Women Building California Conference, which expanded in 2011 to become a national event, and is now known as “Women Building the Nation.” From offering workshops on how to deal with personal protective equipment that doesn’t fit women (or small men), to providing training on the topics of the SBCTC’s federal OSHA grant, to creating an interactive Workers’ Memorial Day event to memorialize some of the tradeswomen who have lost their lives on the job, the Council has sought to ensure that health and safety are always an important part of the conference.

Worksafe is proud to recognize the SBCTC for promoting and strengthening workers’ health and safety through training and educational programs, legislative and other policy initiatives, and steadfast support for women in the trades.

Congratulations to all the honorees
and many thanks for working together
to keep working men and women of
California safe.

**Los Angeles/Orange Counties
Building & Construction Trades Council**

Ron Miller, *Executive Secretary*

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**Thanks for your 33 years of fighting
for all workers’ safety**

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