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NCSRCC partners with SOAR to offer free pre-apprenticeship training

June 1, 2017 — North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters (NCSRCC) is partnering with SOAR Career Solutions (SOAR) of Duluth to offer an eight-week pre-apprenticeship program to women and minorities interested in careers in the construction industry. The program, held at the Jerry Alander Carpenters Training Center in Hermantown, will begin July 10 and end September 1.

SOAR and other local workforce development partners will recruit 10 female and/or racial minority persons to participate in this exclusive training that will prepare students for careers in the construction industry. Classes will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday for each of the eight weeks.

The hands-on instruction will include safety training, tool safety and building materials; residential footings, foundations and elevations; framing floors, walls, hand frame rafters and manufactured trusses; interior and exterior finish; fall protection, aerial lift training, commercial construction equipment and materials; commercial footing, foundation, wall and deck forms; metal stud framing; commercial finish and door hardware.

The program will also include mock interviews with employers and a graduation ceremony September 1.

To be eligible for the program, candidates must be registered SOAR clients, at least 17 years old, have proof of or are currently working toward a high school diploma or general equivalency degree (GED), drug-free and able to attend all training dates. Students who successfully complete the program will be eligible to join the NCSRCC apprenticeship program.

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North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters represents nearly 26,000 members in 36 Locals and 15 training centers throughout Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Members in the six-state area include carpenters, interior systems carpenters, millwrights, pile drivers and floor coverers.

SOAR Career Solutions is a private, non-profit organization that provides affordable, holistic and creative career planning services to job seekers and career changers in Duluth and the surrounding area.