

Learn about how you can help build Sacramento's future at the Skilled Trades Job Fair

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The homebuilding industry is straining to keep up with the demand for new homes in the Sacramento region. Part of the problem is simply getting enough supplies. Like just about every industry right now, home builders are having to work hard to find all the materials they need to build a new home — everything from lumber to windows to appliances and even to garage doors.

But a big part of the problem is one builders have been dealing with for more than a decade — a shortage of workers. Nationwide, the Home Builders Institute projects the industry needs 740,000 new workers a year over the next three years to replace aging baby boomers who are retiring.

The North State Building Industry Foundation is doing its part to help recruit



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Job seekers line up to register for the last in-person Skilled Trades Job Fair, shortly before the pandemic hit in 2019.

talent for the industry by holding two job fairs on Saturday, April 9, at the Charles A. Jones Career and Education Center, 5451 Lemon Hill Avenue, Sacramento. The first, from 9-11 a.m., is aimed at graduating high school seniors. The Senior Hiring Event gives students a chance to graduate with a job offer in hand. Students are asked to wear

professional dress attire (such as slacks and a button-up or polo shirt) and to bring 5-10 copies of their resume. They should also bring a pen and notebook to take notes. The second event is being held in conjunction with the Sacramento Valley Manufacturers Association. The Skilled Trades Job Fair will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is

intended for both people looking to break into the construction industry and people already employed in the industry who might be looking for a new position. Companies will be hiring for positions from labor to project management.

This job fair will feature more than 20 employers who are looking for people to fill a wide range of posi-

tions — not just in the trades but also office jobs and warehouse positions. And there are many jobs available. In the greater Sacramento region, we know of 250 homebuilding industry employers who are looking to fill nearly 1,200 positions.

And the construction industry is a great career. You can earn a good living

without a college degree. In fact, one of the reasons why construction and other trades have suffered from labor shortages in recent years is because many schools 20 and 30 years ago emphasized college-prep work over preparation for skilled trades. But they have since realized that not every student wants to go to college and that jobs in the trades are in high demand. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that on average, construction workers in California earn nearly \$50,000 a year. In the Sacramento region, skilled tradesmen can earn over \$70,000.

So if you or somebody you know is interested in a job that is rewarding and has potential for advancement, please let them know about our two job fairs. To register and for more information about the Senior Hiring Event, visit <https://bit.ly/senior-hiring-2022>. To register and for more information about the Skilled Trades Job Fair, visit <https://bit.ly/STJF2022>.