

## More Reasons to Consider a Career in Construction

### According to the U.S. Department of Labor:

- ◆ Current employment statistics show that total annual average construction employment rose from 5,813,000 in 1997 to an all-time high of 7,689,000 in 2006, surpassing the previous high achieved the previous year.
- ◆ Average weekly hours of production workers in construction were 39.0, well above the 2006 private industry average of 33.9 for production and non-supervisory workers.
- ◆ The average hourly earnings of production workers in construction were \$20.02 in 2006, compared to an average of \$16.76 for production and non-supervisory workers in all private industry.
- ◆ Employment Projections data indicate that construction employment will increase 11.4 percent over the 2004-14 period. Construction is only goods-producing sector in which employment is projected to grow. Total employment for all industry sectors is projected to grow 14.8 percent.

### According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

- ◆ Almost 2 out of 3 wage and salary jobs in construction were with specialty trade contractors; primarily plumbing, heating, and air conditioning; electrical; and masonry contractors. Around 1 out of 4 jobs were with building contractors, mostly in residential and nonresidential construction. The rest were with heavy and civil engineering construction contractors.
- ◆ One million skilled workers will be needed to fill construction jobs by 2012.

### According to the National Center for Construction Education and Research:

- ◆ There are 6.9 million Americans in construction.
- ◆ There are 240,000 jobs available each year in construction.
- ◆ There will be 8.7 million craft professionals by 2014.
- ◆ The average craft professional is 47 years old.
- ◆ The construction industry is among the economy's top 10 largest sources of growth.
- ◆ Opportunities to own your own firm is better in construction than any other industry.