California Construction Academy

"Building Better Lives."

Mission

The California Construction Academy (CCA) is a statewide organization dedicated to building a better construction industry through facilitation, research and popular education. We envision a construction industry that leads the state of California to triple bottom line returns in the form of environmental, economic and social benefits.

Why

Focusing on the construction industry will help the US tackle its greatest economic and environmental problems.

Middle class jobs are key to bringing back the US economy, particularly in tough economic times. As one of the few fields that provides accessible middle class careers, the construction industry has the potential to lead the way in economic prosperity. Simultaneously, 73 percent of the electricity we consume in the US comes from buildings. A green construction industry could make a huge impact in improving the environment.

At the intersection of the academia, labor and community, CCA is well positioned to set the tone for the field and foster innovative partnerships.

What We Do

FACILITATION: CCA facilitates relationships between multiple stakeholders, helping unlikely partners develop shared trust, mutual understanding, and innovative strategies to improve the construction industry.

RESEARCH: CCA produces high quality, responsive research that sets the tone for the public debate on construction.

POPULAR EDUCATION: CCA takes complex ideas and makes them accessible to multiple audiences by creating educational materials for students and partner organizations, such as training modules, games and interactive tools.

Key Accomplishments

- Serves as Official Construction Sector Intermediary for the City of Los Angeles
- Creates educational materials for public officials on Project Labor Agreements
- Organized 2009, 2010, 2011 UCLA Community Scholars Class, which brought together workers, community, environmentalists, and students to address green construction.
- Facilitated workshops for IBEW Local 11 Apprenticeship Bootcamp
- Prepared research for California Energy Commission to plan National Center for Clean Energy Workforce
- Wrote report on "Making the Case for Deep Green Energy Efficiency" and currently writing forthcoming book on "Deep Green" energy efficiency

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