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LABI creates plan to address skilled worker shortage in Louisiana

The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry (LABI) recently released a paper detailing its plan to address the need for an estimated 86,000 new craft workers in the state by 2016. This shortage likely affects the construction industry in Louisiana.

The paper states that in a recent survey, “more than one third of 3,000 employers in Louisiana cited an inability to find qualified, skilled or experienced applicants as the greatest difficulty in filling open positions. This deficit of knowledge, skills and talent slows and inhibits growth, putting billions of projects nationally at risk.”

LABI also says that industry, not just government, should be a leader and partner in this challenge. It is counting on individual companies and trade associations to step up to provide solutions to this problem. Part of the plan includes expanding technical and skills training programs for students in middle school and high school and making it more accessible. LABI intends to do more to support small businesses, veterans, women in the workforce, and nontraditional populations, such as those recently released from incarceration. Click here to read the full paper.

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