# How to Become a Warrior in Achieving Workforce Diversity and Compliance

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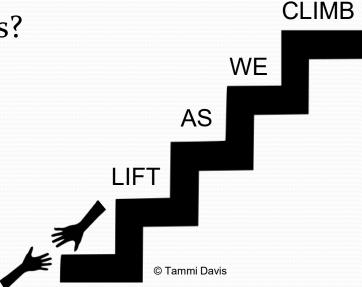
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In the world of construction workforce, there is a constant battle to identify, recruit, retain and sustain the "right" people. Oftentimes, battles are fought on enemy territory. While other times, the battle is right at home – in our offices, departments and organizations. Compliance Officers are expected to be champions for the community, "the little guy and gal". This workshop will help attendees identify the "warrior" in them and arm attendees with battle-tested strategies, examples and resources to win the fight of achieving workforce diversity and compliance.

#### Warrior Assessment

- Are you still in basic training?
- Are you ready for the front lines?
- Have you re-loaded your skills?

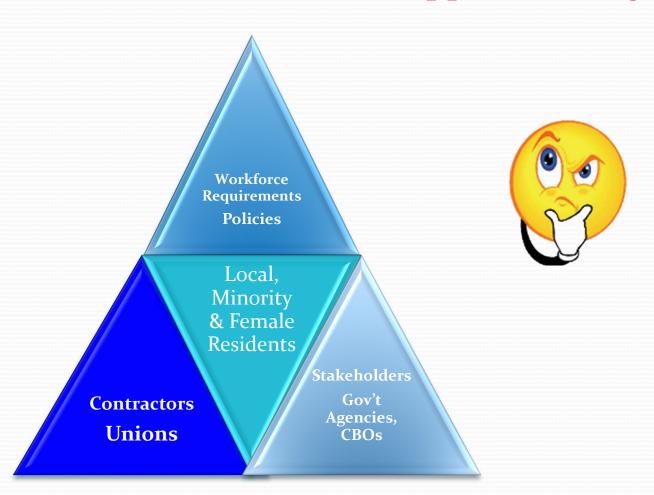


#### Personal/Professional Protective Equipment

- ☐ Head Protection
- Eye Protection
- □ Respiratory Protection (Nose and Mouth Protection)
- Ear Protection
- ☐ Hand Protection
- ☐ Foot Protection
- ☐ Fall Protection
- □ Safety Vest/High Visibility Wear
- □ Tool Box

#### The Compliance Bermuda Triangle...

...What happened to my new hires?



#### Laws with Workforce Requirements

- I. Regulations requiring utilization of minorities, females and "locally-defined" persons domiciled in a specific area.
  - A. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Act of 1968
  - B. Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended
  - C. Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act (VEVRAA) of 1974, as amended
  - D. Executive Order 11246
  - E. Local Hiring Ordinances (Gary, Indiana; San Francisco; Seattle; Detroit; Washington, DC)

#### PLAs and CBAs

- Project Labor Agreements
- II. Union Collective Bargaining Agreements
- III. Community Benefits Agreements

# **Program Components**

- I. Your Workforce Compliance Program should be reasonably flexible and accommodate for changes, challenges and shortfalls.
  - A. Know your workforce.
    - How many are available per trade to meet your goals
    - Is there an eco (economic) system to support your program
    - 3. Do you have the existing infrastructure to have a program
    - What's "trending" in the industry that provides new opportunities to train, recruit and/or retain a diverse workforce. For example, green jobs, new technology, utilities industry.
    - Threats to meeting the goals. Some potential threats are jurisdiction disputes between trade unions, shortage of diverse workforce available in the trades, competition with other projects in same project area.
  - B. Plan. Execute. Assess. Repeat.

# **Action Steps**

#### I. Create a Compliance Advisory Group

- A. Internal Stakeholders
  - Other department heads
  - 2. Category managers
- **B.** External Stakeholders
  - Majority contractor
  - Diverse contractor
  - 3. Community-based organization
  - 4. Faith-based organization
  - 5. Union and/or merit shop trade organization
  - 6. Regulating authority
  - 7. Policy-making authority

# **Action Steps**

# II. Build relationships with Community & Trade Organizations

- A. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), local chapters www.naacp.org
- B. National Urban League, local affiliates www.nul.iamempowered.com
- C. National Association for Women in Construction www.nawic.org
- D. Chicago Women in Trades or equivalent www.chicagowomenintrades2.org
- E. Indiana Plan for Equal Opportunity or equivalent in your area www.indianaplan.org
- F. Local vocational colleges
- G. Faith-based organizations
- H. Workforce Development Centers in your area
- I. Local and State Construction and Building Trades Councils. www.nabtu.org

# **Action Steps**

- III. Build a relationship with federal, state and local elected officials. Who's creating the laws and policies that you have to enforce? Do you know them? Do they know you?
- IV. Establish a rapport and line of communication with Federal, State and Local regulatory agency representatives DOL, DOT, FHWA, FAA, HUD, EPA
- V. Engage representatives from Construction and Building Trades Union Councils <u>www.nabtu.org</u>
- VI. Attend ACCA National Training Institutes <a href="https://www.accaweb.org">www.accaweb.org</a>
- VII. Seek grants to fund components of your workforce program <a href="https://www.grants.gov">www.grants.gov</a>

#### **Best Practices**

- A. Be a part of the project from concept to completion
- B. Conduct random job site visits more regularly weekly, two-three times a week
- C. Audit certified payroll records and supporting documents such as apprentice certificates, cancelled checks, benefits reports
- D. Develop relationship with merit shop contractors and local chapter representatives of the Associated Builders and Contractors (<a href="https://www.abc.org/">https://www.abc.org/</a>)

#### **Best Practices**

- E. Negotiate. Negotiate. Negotiate.
- F. Set an end date. PLAs should be project-specific.
- G. Set a time to review PLA if agreement covers multiple years or covers "all public-funded projects."
- H. Include If-Then Clauses regarding hiring requirements. If X doesn't happen, then Y.
- I. Set a dollar threshold for applicability. Reference Executive Order 13502.
- J. Attach Executive Orders, ordinances and policies applicable to hiring requirements to PLA.

# Gary Residents in the Construction Trades Referral Program (G.R.I.T.)

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GRIT Registration Form, Version 3

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#### PROJECT EMPLOYMENT UTILIZATION FORM



Gary Storm Water Management District City of Gary: Dep

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print and complete this form in its entirety. This form is to be completed by each contractor regardless of tier and must be provided before the commencement of work. It is the responsibility of the GC or CM to ensure the completeness and submission of this form. For each trade below that you will be self-performing, enter the estimated crews'tze (number of journeymen (I) and apprentices (A) that it will take to perform each trade's scope of work. Specify the number of Gary residents, minorities, females and/or Section 3 residents that will be employed per trade. Please note that you may also be required to submit a monthly workforce projections report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Tammi Davis, Director of Compliance and Policie. Engangement, at anominglessary account 21 years.

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Please describe/list your recruitment sources and efforts to meet the local and/or EEO residency requirement goals. Attach additional sheets.

### Resources for Success

- A. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), local chapters
- B. National Urban League, local affiliates
- C. Chicago Women in Trades or equivalent
- D. Indiana Plan for Equal Opportunity or equivalent in your area
- E. Coalition for Black Trade Unionists
- F. Coalition of Labor Union Women
- G. Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA)
- H. Helmets to Hardhats
- I. YouthBuild

### Resources for Success

- J. Pre-Apprenticeship Programs (Electrician's JumpStart Program, JobCorps' Construction Technology Program)
- K. Local vocational colleges
- L. Faith-based organizations
- M. Workforce Development Centers in your area
- N. Local and State Construction and Building Trades Councils
- O. U.S. Department of Labor Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP)
- P. ME (Tammi Davis) ©

# **THANK YOU**

# **Questions & Answers**





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