



Tracking BAC Jobs

For Ivy Tech Community College's ambitious \$43.5 million expansion plan that includes new construction and restoration, IMI and BAC Local 4 INKY worked early on to keep tabs and best position union contractors, several of whom won multi-million dollar contracts. IMI contract document language requiring registered apprentice programs for bidders ensures continuing work for BAC members for all Ivy Tech facilities. IMI project tracking also led to a \$4.5 million masonry job at University of Notre Dame's hockey arena, plus other success stories, and there are scores more manhours on the horizon.

Lunch and Learns

While Indiana design firms get a technical education from IMI Indiana "Lunch and Learn" sessions, they are also learning to appreciate the union masonry difference. One example is the July session on Flashing and Moisture Control for Browning, Day, Mullins, and Dierdorf in Indianapolis, which turned into a project review and interest in IMI grouting/reinforcing language for their master specs. Some of the firm's latest projects include the new Lucas Oil Stadium and the Conrad Hotel and Residences. In the coming months, IMI will be delivering the popular sessions on flashing and moisture, movement control, codes and restoration to dozens of design firms all over the state. *Check Calendar*

Working with World's Biggest Steel Company

IMI works with BAC Local 4 to keep the world's biggest steel company, ArcelorMittal, humming and to keep BAC jobs coming. Currently, the East Chicago plant has 110 BAC members working continuously on a huge relining job, and may add up to a dozen more. Along with specialized refractory training, IMI is customizing a scaffold safety train-the-trainer program this fall for the firm, which contracts with IMI for specialized services. They even turned to IMI for an accident investigation that found the culprit to be thermal shock, not improper installation. "They're utilizing every aspect that we offer," says Local 4 President Ted Champ. "They give the jobs to us because they know we'll get it done. They have nothing but praise for our members."

New Opportunities on the Horizon

Through its New Products Initiative, IMI works closely with manufacturers to connect new applications with BAC installers. In Indiana, that includes AAC - aerated autoclaved concrete. IMI has been test-driving the product and training BAC members and contractors, to position them ahead of the curve. IMI Indiana is now planning an "AAC Summit" to bring designers, contractors and members together, with producers like Xella Aircrete North America. "With partners like you, we see a very good opportunity to make this product a household name," says Xella Marketing Director Jim Mathis. "We appreciate the knowledge you bring, including the realities of the job site and contractors' needs."

Masonry Education – for members and more

AAC is one of many topics that will be on the agenda for this fall's IMI Masonry Education Day in South Bend on October 5, which will also feature a design competition with University of Notre Dame students. IMI Indiana is also collaborating with Ivy Tech Community College to offer upgrade classes and college credit. Contact Jennifer Banks at jbanks@imiweb.org or 317/845-2949.