

Work Study Partnerships



Construction Trades Workforce Connection of the Black Hills is reaching out to area construction trades educators to see what we as an industry can do to help support them in building the next generation of craftsmen. This past July we visited the Box Elder Job Corps in Nemo, South Dakota.

Job Corps provides career training and education for 16- through 24-year-olds at no cost to students. In addition to career training, Job Corps can also help them earn a high school diploma or the equivalent and a driver's license. They also provide in-depth career planning, on-the-job training, job placement assistance, housing, food, health care, a biweekly basic living allowance, and basic uniforms and equipment for career training, all at no cost to students.

We took a tour of their facility and spoke to staff and students about [their programs](#) and construction trade job expectations and opportunities. The construction trades programs they offer are carpentry, electrical, painting, welding and facility maintenance. We talked with staff about their needs for work study partnerships. Each student must complete a minimum of 40 hours of work study to complete their program but at least 4 weeks are recommended. One of the benefits of taking on Job Corps Students is a partnership Job Corps has with South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation which helps cover wages and insurance during their work-study training period. Once their training is complete the students are available for employment so if they fit your company culture you may hire them as permanent employees.

For more information call Job Corps at (605) 348-3636 or click the link below to get started.

Work Study Partnership Form

