

ValleyBuild provides inclusive access to pre-apprenticeship training and related services, enabling Californians from all backgrounds to qualify for employment and acceptance into apprenticeships in the skilled building and construction trades that support environmental sustainability and climate mitigation. Strong partnerships representing diverse disciplines work together to ensure a skilled construction workforce exists to meet California's infrastructure needs, while creating economic benefits for workers and communities. The project covers Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings, Kern, Inyo, Mono, San Joaquin, Calaveras, Alpine, Stanislaus, Merced, Mariposa and Tuolumne counties.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Founded over a decade ago, the ValleyBuild Pre-Apprenticeship Program has become a national model for recruiting and preparing underserved communities for High-Road jobs in the building and construction trades.
- The project will build on a successful model to replicate equitable outreach efforts across the Central Valley through augmenting community on-ramps for pre-apprenticeship training and expanding services to increase participation of women in the trades.
- They will address barriers to participation for potential trainees through the "Clean Slate" program, which expunges non-serious felonies and releases holds on CA Driver's licenses for participants.



KEY PARTNERS

- Stanislaus-Merced-Tuolumne-Mariposa Building Trades Council (BTC), San Joaquin-Calaveras-Amador-Alpine BTC, Kern-Inyo-Mono BTC
- Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (WDB)
- Tradeswomen, Inc.
- California State University Bakersfield
- Fresno WDB
- San Joaquin County WDB
- Merced WDB
- Kings WDB
- Tulare WDB
- Kern, Inyo, Mono WDB
- Southwest Fresno Economic Development Corporation
- Kings County Human Services