The Monterey County Workforce Development Board is leading a project to provide regional pre-apprenticeship training in the tri-county region. Three pre-apprenticeship training cycles will be held annually within the region and ensure underrepresented and disadvantaged individuals have direct pathways into the middle class, from pre-apprenticeship to apprenticeship. The project will maximize the number of graduates and individuals placed into apprenticeships, and has created an Advisory Council consisting of workforce, industry, community, and educational partners to meet ongoing regional needs. The program serves Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties.

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- The project will provide specialized outreach from journeywomen speakers at information sessions to reach their goal of recruiting women into the trades
- They will provide a boot camp to augment their pre-apprenticeship programs, setting up participants for success in apprenticeship
- They will provide Career Readiness Workshops and Post-Graduation Interviews to enhance participant’s preparedness for apprenticeship programs

**KEY PARTNERS**

- Monterey/Santa Cruz Counties Building and Construction Trades Council
- United Association (UA) Local 62
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 234
- Graniterock
- County of Santa Cruz Probation Department
- Santa Cruz County Office of Education
- Pacific Grove Adult Education
- Monterey Peninsula Unified School District
- Cabrillo College, Hartnell College
- ResCare Workforce Services
- Turning Point of Central California
- Monterey County WDB; Santa Cruz WDB
- San Benito County Health & Human Services Agency
- Community Services & Workforce Development (WDB)
- Santa Cruz County Human Services Department (CalWORKs)
- Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium