The San Diego Workforce Partnership recently led the development of a new regional High Road Construction Careers partnership; the Apprenticeship Readiness Collaborative (ARC). ARC is committed to breaking barriers to employment in construction for underserved communities through rigorous pre-apprenticeship training and supportive services. The partnership serves San Diego and Imperial Counties.

**PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

- They are addressing critical skills issues emerging as the construction industry faces the challenges of climate change and environmental sustainability, increasing the capacity of contractors and workers to adapt and compete in a carbon constrained economy.

- They plan to partner with the San Diego Green Building Council to provide education to participants on the importance of low carbon initiatives.

- ARC plans to partner with San Diego Gas & Electric to give participants access to the SDG&E Energy Innovation Center, which offers training, education, and innovation around energy efficiency technologies and green building practices.

**KEY PARTNERS**

- San Diego Building Trades Council
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- Imperial County Workforce Development Board
- San Diego Continuing Education Foundation
- Urban Corps of San Diego County
- San Diego Unified School District
- Sweetwater Union High School District
- Southwestern College
- San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
- Chula Vista Elementary School District
- Homework
- Gafcon