

With funding from the CWDB over the past two years, the San Diego Workforce Partnership (SDWP) successfully launched the Apprenticeship Readiness Collaborative (ARC), a training partnership that creates and sustains pathways into state-registered apprenticeship programs in the building trades. ARC is now working with local community colleges to expand the reach of their apprenticeship readiness programs throughout the region so they can meet the growing demand for construction apprentices created by local infrastructure developments. The project serves San Diego and Imperial counties.

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## PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- ARC enhances their programs pre-apprenticeship offerings by including contextualized math and English as a Second Language (ESL) in their training to better prepare candidates for opportunities in the mechanical trades.
- ARC runs a construction bootcamp to prepare people for the physical requirements of construction work; and is connected through the local building trades council with a variety of infrastructure developments and project labor agreements that create high road construction career opportunities for participants.
- ARC is expanding their region's MC3 offerings by engaging with 3 additional community colleges and their respective districts. This includes Southwestern College (South San Diego), Grossmont-Cuyamaca College (East San Diego) and Palomar College (North San Diego).

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## KEY PARTNERS

- San Diego Building Trades Council
  - San Diego Workforce Partnership
  - San Diego Continuing Education Foundation
  - Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District
  - Southwestern College
  - San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG)
  - Palomar College
  - Homework
  - Good for Others
  - SD Green Building Council
  - American Lung Association
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