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TradesFutures Launches Program Advisory Committee to Strengthen Apprenticeship Readiness Nationwide

Washington, DC — *April 15, 2026* — TradesFutures today announced the launch of its new **Program Advisory Committee (PAC)**, a strategic initiative designed to enhance the quality, accessibility, and impact of apprenticeship readiness programs across the country.

The Program Advisory Committee brings together an amazing group of leaders from across the TradesFutures network including program staff, union representatives, building trades councils, and workforce development partners to provide guidance on curriculum development, program strategy, and emerging industry needs.

"This committee represents the collective expertise of our national network," said Deputy Director Monica Floyd. "By bringing together voices from across the apprenticeship ecosystem, we are strengthening our ability to deliver high-quality training that meets the evolving demands of the construction industry."

During its inaugural year, the PAC will focus on reviewing and modernizing TradesFutures' **Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3)**; a nationally recognized pre-apprenticeship training framework used to prepare individuals for careers in the skilled trades. The PAC will also play a critical role in identifying best practices and supporting continuous improvement across the TradesFutures network. Members will collaborate with TradesFutures staff and partners to ensure programs remain responsive to workforce needs while expanding access to high-quality, career-connected training.

Committee Composition

The inaugural committee is comprised of leaders representing programs and partners across the country, including:

- Austin Fox - [Missouri Works Initiative](#)
- April Watson - [East Tennessee Apprenticeship Readiness Program](#)
- Cattie Tenzillo - [Hire 360](#)
- Cerise Sutton - [Center for Employment Opportunities](#)
- Christine Harvey - [Bucks County Community College](#)
- Daniel Torres - [Michigan Workforce Development Institute](#)
- Deidra Washington - [Pittsburgh Gateways](#)
- George Steffenson - [Trades Introduction Program \(TIP\)](#)
- John Guilford - [Training Rochester Adults in Construction Skills \(TRACS\)](#)
- Juan R. Granados - [Gulf Coast Built-Rite Partnership](#)
- Megan Nazareno - [Construction Trades Workforce Initiative \(CTWI\)](#)
- Nicole Bertran - [Edward J. Malloy Initiative for Construction Skills \(CSKILLS\)](#)
- Sam Petschulat - [Music City Construction Careers](#)

The launch of the Program Advisory Committee reflects TradesFutures' continued commitment to expanding access to registered apprenticeship programs and strengthening pathways into family-sustaining careers in the skilled trades. By leveraging the insights of industry and program leaders, TradesFutures aims to ensure its curriculum and program offerings remain innovative, relevant, and impactful for communities nationwide.

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About TradesFutures: TradesFutures is a non-profit corporation organized to develop, promote, and improve Apprenticeship Readiness Programs ("ARPs"). ARPs are educational programs that provide students with the fundamental skills and knowledge necessary to choose, obtain, and succeed in a formal, registered apprenticeship in the construction industry. TradesFutures is also dedicated to assisting women, veterans, and people of color in establishing and maintaining careers in the construction industry. Learn more about TradesFutures and its work to develop a more diverse and accessible quality construction workforce at tradesfutures.org.