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## COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM QUESTIONED

# CRAFTS APPLY FOR CB&I PROJECT

More than 75 workers applied for jobs at the CB&I office in New Martinsville.

But chances are they won't get a call.

That's because CB&I, the Texas based non-union contractor building Dominion Resources \$500 million gas processing plant in nearby Natrium isn't interested in local union workers.

Members of the Boilermakers and Carpenters made up the bulk of applicants, the Operating Engineers and laborers participated as well.

"We came to prove there are qualified skilled workers from the area who want to work building Dominion's project," said Jim Dingess, Business Manager for Boilermakers 667.

"We have the people, they just don't want them."

The event took place on

Wednesday, March 28 just a few weeks after Dominion issued a press release about a pipefitter helper training class at Northern Community College.

Northern's application

to fund the training project with taxpayer dollars states, "CB&I has indicated that it is having difficulty finding applicants for entry level construction jobs."

The documents, received

through a Freedom of Information request made by ACT, also claim the skills needed to build the petrochemical facilities cannot be found in the region.

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MORE THAN 75 local union construction workers showed up to apply for work at the CB&I temporary office set up in New Martinsville, WV. CB&I is the Texas based non-union contractor hired by Dominion to build their \$500 gas processing facility.

# STATE BUILDING TRADES ENDORSE MCKINLEY, DAVIS, KIRKENDOLL

The State Building Trades made three endorsements in addition to the ones already made by the WV AFL-CIO.

Congressman David McKinley was endorsed for the First Congressional District; Justice Robin Davis was endorsed for the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals; and Senator Art Kirkendoll for the WV State Senate seventh district. The action took place at the Councils March Executive Board meeting.

"Simply put, each candidate has a solid Building

Trades record," said Dave Efaw, Secretary-Treasurer for the Trades.

According to Efaw McKinley voted in support of Davis-Bacon legislation and Project Labor Agreements, in defiance of many from his own party. "His track record on our issues is impressive, these were not easy votes," said Efaw.

Justice Robin Davis also got the support of the trades. "She understands our issues and is clearly the best candidate from our point of view."

"Justice Davis understands Labor, she started there, and

she knows our issues."

Kirkendoll is a newly appointed Senator replacing Governor Earl Ray Tomblin in Logan County. "Senator Kirkendoll supported us on some key votes, like the crane operator licensing bill," said Efaw.

In each state and national political race the WV AFL-CIO Committee on Political Action (COPE) makes endorsements based on interviews and questionnaires. Local building trades groups participate at all levels.

When COPE chooses not to make an endorsement they

can take two other options. The first is called "no action." No action allows each union to decide on their own what to do on a race.

That is what happened for these three races. "We participate in the COPE process and then add to it when the need arises," said Efaw.

The last option COPE can take is called 'no endorsement' which is a request that no union endorse in a particular race at all.

The primary will be held on Tuesday May 8 with early voting starting on Wednesday, April 25.

# MEMBERS RUN FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Six Building Trades and ACT members are candidates for the West Virginia House of Delegates.

**PHILLIP DISERIO**, from Brooke County, currently serves as a delegate from 2nd District. He was appointed to fill a vacancy created in January



2012 for the remainder of former Delegate Tim Ennis' term.

Diserio is president of IBEW 246 and the Brooke-Hancock Labor Council.

He is also vice president of the Brooke County Economic Development Authority and a member of the Brooke-Hancock Planning and Development Council.

Diserio is running to continue being an advocate for working people.

**KEITH HUGHES**, business manager of Iron Workers Local 549, is a candidate for the House of Delegates in the 4th District. Hughes has lived in Cameron for more than 30 years and spends a lot of his time working as the chairman of his Local's pension plan and medical plan. As both are also state-wide issues,



he looks forward to using his knowledge of the subjects in the House of Delegates. Hughes also serves on the Reynolds Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

He's running to be a voice for working people in state government.

**DENZIL Buddy MALONE**, of Williamstown is running for the House of Delegates in the 8th District.

Malone has been a member of Millwright Local 1755 since 2000 and has served as an agent and organizer since 2006. His position made him realize how much politics



affect our everyday lives and our work.

He believes it's time for a new generation of leaders to step up; he's ready to be a voice of the people and protect our interests in the state Legislature.

**DAN POLING**, is running for re-election in the House of Delegates in the 10th District, Wood County. Poling is the director of governmental affairs for District Council 53 of the International Union of Painters & Allied Trades, and he serves as an AFL-CIO vice president. Poling was a

lead sponsor on strengthening the West Virginia Jobs Act, which requires hiring local



workers on projects funded by our tax dollars. He's ready to continue fighting for local jobs for local workers.

**DAVID WALKER**, of Clay County is running for his third term in the House of Delegates in the 33rd District.



Walker is a member of Operating Engineers Local 132. He

was an executive board member, and he served as a union

steward for 17 years. Walker is a pastor at Precious Community Church. He looks forward to getting out-of-state companies to hire locally, as we have highly-trained and skilled workers to do the jobs.

**JIMMIE WOOD, JR.**, is a candidate for the House of Delegates in the 14th District. Wood, a lifelong resident of Point Pleasant, is a member of IBEW 317 and also serves on its executive board. He



credits his interest in politics to his wife's grandfather who first

got him working on campaigns. He then got involved in his Local and attended AFL-CIO summer schools. Wood is ready to support labor in the House of Delegates.

# APPRENTICESHIP OPEN FOR BRICKLAYERS

The Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers District Council of West Virginia Apprenticeship Program has a year round application process.

Those interested in applying can go to any WorkForce WV Job Service office on the Third Friday of each month.

The Western Maryland One Stop Job Center will also process applications Monday through Friday.

Both agencies are open 8:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4pm.

The program teaches brick and block laying, as well as all aspects of the trade.

Starting wages range from \$12.79 to \$14.34 plus fringe benefits and increase as the apprentice progresses through the program.

It takes 6,000 hours of on-the-job training plus related classroom training to complete the program.

Apprentices begin with an eight week training session at the Councils statewide facility located in Ritchie County.

During the training session apprentices from out-of-the

area are provided local housing.

For the remainder of their apprenticeship they attend monthly meetings closer to their home area.

The program provides opportunities for those who reside in any West Virginia County as well as the Counties of Allegheny, Garrett and Washington, MD.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old and be physically able to perform the work of the trade.

All applicants will take a standard written aptitude test

at the WV Job Service or the Western Maryland One Stop Job Center.

In order to be accepted you must provide copies of your birth certificate, high school diploma or G.E.D.

A copy of your driver's license will be required at a later date.

Only copies will be accepted please do not bring originals.

A drug test will be required at a later date.

The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices shall be without

discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin or sex.

The Bricklayers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee will take affirmative action to provide equal opportunities in apprenticeship and training and will operate the apprenticeship program as required under Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 30.

For more information contact Apprenticeship Coordinator Brian Greynolds at 304-363-9250 or bricklayerwv@gmail.com.

# WV State Building & Construction Trades & The West Virginia AFL-CIO



COPE Endorsements for the Tuesday, May 8, 2012 Primary Election

## U.S. Senate

**Joe Manchin**

## U.S. House

**David McKinley\*** - 1<sup>st</sup> District

**Nick Joe Rahall** - 3<sup>rd</sup> District

## Governor

**Earl Ray Tomblin**

## Secretary of State

**Natalie Tennant**

## Auditor

**Glen Gainer**

## State Treasurer

**John Perdue**

## Attorney General

**Darrell McGraw**

## Supreme Court of Appeals

**Tish Chafin**

**Robin Davis\***

## State Senate

1<sup>st</sup> **Jack Yost**

2<sup>nd</sup> **Jeff Kessler**

4<sup>th</sup> **Mike Bright**

5<sup>th</sup> **Bob Plymale**

6<sup>th</sup> **Mark Wills**

7<sup>th</sup> **Art Kirkendoll\***

8<sup>th</sup> **Joshua Martin**

9<sup>th</sup> **Richard Browning**

10<sup>th</sup> **Bill Laird**

12<sup>th</sup> **Doug Facemire**

13<sup>th</sup> **Roman Prezioso**

16<sup>th</sup> **Herb Snyder**

## House of Delegates

1<sup>st</sup> **Marilyn Boyd,  
Randy Swartzmiller**

2<sup>nd</sup> **Phil Diserio**

3<sup>rd</sup> **Shawn Fluharty,  
Erikka Storch**

4<sup>th</sup> **Michael Ferro,  
Keith Hughes**

5<sup>th</sup> **Dave Pethtel**

8<sup>th</sup> **Buddy Malone**

9<sup>th</sup> **Jim Marion**

10<sup>th</sup> **John Ellem, Dan Poling**

12<sup>th</sup> **Jo Boggess Phillips**

13<sup>th</sup> **Brady Paxton,  
Helen Martin**

14<sup>th</sup> **Jimmie Wood Jr.**

15<sup>th</sup> **Joe Bocook**

16<sup>th</sup> **Jim Morgan**

17<sup>th</sup> **Doug Reynolds,  
Dale Stephens**

18<sup>th</sup> **Portia Warner**

19<sup>th</sup> **Don Perdue,  
Rick Thompson**

20<sup>th</sup> **Justin Marcum**

21<sup>st</sup> **Harry Keith White**

22<sup>nd</sup> **Jeff Eldridge,  
Josh Stowers**

23<sup>rd</sup> **Larry Barker**

24<sup>th</sup> **Lidella Wilson Hrutkay,  
Joe White**

25<sup>th</sup> **Linda Goode Phillips**

26<sup>th</sup> **Clif Moore**

27<sup>th</sup> **Ryan Flanigan,  
Pete Sternloff**

28<sup>th</sup> **Al Martine, Jeffry Pritt**

29<sup>th</sup> **Ricky Moye**

30<sup>th</sup> **Bill Wooton**

31<sup>st</sup> **Clyde McKnight Jr.**

32<sup>nd</sup> **David Perry,**

## **Margaret Staggers**

33<sup>rd</sup> **David Walker**

34<sup>th</sup> **Brent Boggs**

35<sup>th</sup> **Bonnie Brown,  
Bobbie Hatfield,**

**Doug Skaff Jr.**

36<sup>th</sup> **Nancy Guthrie, Mark Hunt,  
Danny Wells**

37<sup>th</sup> **Meshea Poore**

38<sup>th</sup> **Virginia (Ginny) Moles**

41<sup>st</sup> **Adam Young**

42<sup>nd</sup> **Peter Bostic,  
Ray Canterbury**

43<sup>rd</sup> **Denise Campbell**

44<sup>th</sup> **Joe Talbott**

45<sup>th</sup> **Bill Hamilton**

46<sup>th</sup> **Peggy Donaldson Smith**

47<sup>th</sup> **Mary Poling**

48<sup>th</sup> **Ron Fragale, Richard la-  
quinta, Tim Miley,  
Martin Shaffer**

49<sup>th</sup> **Michael Manypenny**

50<sup>th</sup> **Mike Caputo,  
Linda Longstreth,  
Tim Manchin**

51<sup>st</sup> **Anthony Barill,  
Barbara Fleischauer,  
Nancy Jamison,  
Charlene Marshall,  
Billy Smerka**

52<sup>nd</sup> **Larry Williams**

53<sup>rd</sup> **Stan Shaver**

56<sup>th</sup> **Jim Maybury**

57<sup>th</sup> **Ruth Rowan**

61<sup>st</sup> **Michael Jason Barrett**

63<sup>rd</sup> **Donn E. Marshall**

65<sup>th</sup> **Tiffany Lawrence**

66<sup>th</sup> **John Reese Maxey**

67<sup>th</sup> **Stephen Skinner**

## CBI

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Instead certification through a Florida based training program is designated as the goal for the training program.

“Just look around at the plants in the area built by local workers, their statement is crazy,” said Joe Elliot, Representative of the Mid-Atlantic Region of Carpenters. “And our training programs are second to none.

“What I think is they can’t find highly skilled labor for cheap, so they are asking tax payers to foot the bill to train new workers at lower wage rates.”

The \$220,000 grant appears to have no matching funds from either Dominion or CB&I.

The training program application says 100 workers will be trained in two courses over six weeks. The documents also state CB&I needs to hire 50-70 people for entry level pipefitter helper positions in early May.

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Last day to Register - April 17

Early Voting begins on April 25

\* Building Trades Endorsement

## A WIN FOR THE REGION

# SHELL PICK'S PA SITE FOR CRACKER

Recent announcement by Shell to site an ethane cracking unit in Pennsylvania was called a disappointment by some.

But those who understand the construction industry know the prospect of a huge project in the region means jobs. Some estimates put the plant in the \$3 billion range.

The project site is near Monaca, PA, about 12 miles from West Virginia's border in the northern panhandle and, if built, will mean significant opportunity for related projects in manufacturing.

The Shell project is only one of several being talked about. An undisclosed company, some say from Bra-

zil, has been looking at the Kanawha and Wood County areas for some time for a similar project.

A more public effort is being led by a group looking for investors to build a smaller cracker using new technology developed in the region.

In addition a Kanawha County lawyer has started the preliminary process of getting a site near Charleston approved as a way to show the area wants a project.

All the activity is directly tied to the Marcellus Shale gas that is creating a modern day gold rush in the northern part of West Virginia.

The WV sites have what is called 'wet gas' with a high proportion of ethane, butane,

propane and other valuable compounds. The ethane is abundant and is the fuel for an ethane cracker.

Once 'cracked' the ethane then becomes a valuable input for the chemical and plastic industries.

Having an affordable and abundant raw material in the region means opportunities we have not seen for decades.

"Of course we wanted it in WV, but next door is the next best thing. Having Shell in the region, or one of these other companies, is a game changer," said Tom Gray, President of the Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades. "This means more than one huge construction job, it means many future jobs from related

projects."

According to Gray the competitor to watch is not neighboring states but other regions of the country or the world.

Other options for the ethane include piping it to the Gulf Coast or shipped overseas. "We want the region to

prosper not just the companies extracting the gas," said Gray.

"We have seen industry decline over the years, if done right we can see a renewal of manufacturing."

Shell has said they may still be years away from making a final decision.

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## PROTEST AT FEDEX PROJECT



Members of the Charleston Building Trades formed an informational picket at a FedEx construction project going up in Cross Lanes near Charleston.

Jim Cooper Construction from Birmingham Alabama is reported to be the general contractor.

"What about local workers and contractors," asked Mike Matthews, Business Manager of the Charleston Building Trades. "We live here, pay taxes here and support our local communities."

According to Matthews most of the sub-contractors are coming from out-of-state to build the 57,000 square foot distribution center. Reports estimate the project value at \$6 million.

The following crafts participated on the first day; Carpenters, Electricians, Insulators, Laborers, Painters, Plasterers and Cement Masons, Plumbers and Pipefitters, and Sheet Metal Workers.

## 11TH ANNUAL CCC



Sean McGarvey, Secretary-Treasurer of the Building and Construction Trades Department, speaks at the 11th Annual Construction Coalition Conference.

His topic was "How the Building Trades are changing to meet the needs of the future."

McGarvey was among the 75 representatives from major corporations, contractors and construction labor who met in Morgantown on April 4.

The goal of the event is to have owners, contractors and labor meet to identify and solve problems and improve the industry.

Other presenters talked about construction economic forecasts, Marcellus Shale, OSHA Crane regulations and safety.