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Nonunion CB&I Denied Natrium Phase Two

The nonunion Texas contractor hired to build Dominion Resource's \$500 million natural gas processing facility in Marshall County will not be back for the second phase of the project.

A high ranking Dominion Resource official has confirmed what local trades leaders have been hearing for months.

Chicago Bridge and Iron, known as CB&I, will not be the general contractor for the next phase of the project originally estimated at \$300 million.

The obvious reason - CB&I will at best be more than six months late completing the first phase of the project. The 15 month construction period is now at 21 months and that means lost profits and angry customers.

Each phase of the project involves

200 million cubic feet per day of natural gas processing capacity that

extracts the valuable ethane, butane, propane and other compounds in

'wet' gas found in Marcellus and Utica
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ACT's Steve White addresses Dominion Resource's Chairman and CEO Thomas Farrell II, at the company's annual shareholder meeting held in Richmond, Virginia on May 3.

\$91 Million in New Construction Projects Underway at Marshall University

Construction is booming at Marshall University in Huntington, thanks to \$91 million in funding for 11 new union construction projects currently underway.

The projects range from the \$47 million, 145,000-square-foot, Arthur Weisberg Family Applied Engineering Complex being built by BBL-Carlton to the \$6 million Veterans Memorial Soccer Complex being built by MIRC.

The new facilities and renovations

at Marshall are vital to the future of the university, while the injection of \$91 million for union construction projects has been a major boost to the local economy and workers.

"These projects are not only great for the University and students, but they come at a time when local workers need the jobs," said Steve Burton, Business Manager of the Tri-State Building & Construction Trades Council.

A wide range of union contrac-

tors are heading up the projects, including BBL-Carlton, Neighborgall Construction, E.P. Leach & Sons Inc., Murray Sheet Metal, J&H Erectors, Mascaro Construction, Dougherty Construction, and MIRC Construction.

The \$91 million in current construction projects at Marshall University are all using local union labor, and there are several more projects being designed to bid this year.

In a letter to Burton in January,

Marshall University President Stephen Kopp said, "I am very confident that these projects will be built with the same level of attention to detail and pride in workmanship that has served as the foundation of our trusted relationship and friendship."

The union construction trades will be busy in 2013 delivering the state-of-the-art facilities and renovations that will help continue the tradition of Marshall University growth and excellence. ■

25th Annual Workers Memorial Day

With the Willow Island cooling tower that collapsed in 1978 as a back drop more than 50 workers, family members and friends joined together on Sunday, April 28 to mark the 25th annual observance of Workers Memorial Day.

The event was sponsored by the West Virginia AFL-CIO and held at the Willow Island site where 35 years ago 51 construction workers were killed in the worst construction accident in US history.

The dark line about two-thirds of the way up the tower is the height the scaffolding reached when it collapsed.

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The names of those who died in 1978 and last year were read at the ceremony. ■



Reverend Dennis Sparks leads the gathering in a prayer on Workers Memorial Day, held April 28. The event took place at the Willow Island power station in Pleasants County where 35 years prior the worst construction accident in US history took place killing 51 construction workers.

Grand Opening of Union Trades Huntington Branch

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Electricians 466 Want Apprentices

The Charleston Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee accept applications for electrician apprenticeship from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Applications are accepted at the JATC Building, at 810 Indiana Ave., Charleston, WV.

The five year program teaches all aspects of the electrical trade including general wiring for receptacles, switches and breaker boxes, working with conduit, motor controls and fire alarms.

Apprentices learn on the job under the direct supervision of journeymen and attend classes on Saturdays.

Applicants must be at least 17 years old and have a high school degree or GED.

They also must show they have passed a full year of high school algebra, unless they have worked more than 4000 hours specifically in the

electrical construction trade.

Transcripts or GED records will be required or acceptable documentation of electrical work experience.

Credit for military experience may be available if a DD-214 form is filed.

A driver's license is mandatory as well as a \$20 application fee.

In addition applicants must reside in Boone, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Fayette, Gilmer, Kanawha, Nicholas, Putnam, Raleigh, Roane, Summers, Webster, or Wyoming County.

Applicants who meet the basic requirements will be scheduled for an interview with the committee.

The recruitment, selection, employment and training of apprentices shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age.

For more information call Becky Combs, Administrator at 304.345.5166. ■

2013 State Pipe Trades Apprenticeship Competition Held In Wheeling

Pipe trades apprentices from locals across the region traveled to Wheeling for the annual statewide apprenticeship contest at Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 83's newly opened training facility.

The contestants, all fifth-year apprentices, competed in the four major categories of welding, pipefitting, plumbing and HVAC.

The different contests required difficult skill challenges designed to push the abilities of the apprentices to the limits.

"All in all this was a great contest," said Roy Estep, Training Coordinator for Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 83. "It was a great experience and fascinating to observe for everyone involved, from the judges, contestants, coordinators, apprentices and the UA officials."

This year's contest introduced the "downhill" competition style which required fitters and welders to work together. The organizers felt this in-

novation created one of the more interesting aspects of the competition to watch in action.

Contestants came from Huntington Local 521, Charleston Local 625, Parkersburg Local 565, Morgantown #152, and Wheeling #83.

Individual winners included Jason Kyle (Local 565) in the welding category, James Robinette (Local 625) for pipefitting, Henry Pyatt (Local 625) for plumbing and Doug Eggleton (Local 565) in the HVAC category.

The "Best Overall" title went to Charleston's Local 625, under the tutelage of Brett Matthews, Training Director at Local 625. Best overall recognition goes to the program whose total contestant scores rank highest.

The state winners will now go to the regional competition in Louisville, Kentucky on June 10. In Louisville they will compete against the individual winners from Michigan, Indiana, Virginia, Ohio, Maryland,

Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Winners of the regional competitions go on to compete on the nation level.

"The competition is a great way for apprentices to demonstrate the skills they have spent the past five

years mastering," said Estep. "Everyone worked very hard during the competition and all came out winners."

Wheeling's Local 83 is slated to hold the state apprenticeship contest again next year. ■



A fifth year apprentice welding during the State Pipe Trades apprenticeship contest in Wheeling.

Labor-Management Effort Contributes \$5000 to Community Hospice Program

More than 100 labor and management representatives from the Charleston area participated in a fund raising effort to support Hospice services.

The event was a golf scramble and teams from the Kanawha Valley Builders Association and the Charleston Building & Construction Trades Council together raised \$5,000 for HospiceCare.

HospiceCare provides several programs for patients and their families whose lives have been affected by a terminal or life-limiting illness. Care is provided in the patient's home, a nursing home or assisted-living facility, or at the Hubbard Hospice House.

Serving 16 counties in West Virginia HospiceCare has offices in

Charleston, Madison, Lewisburg and Summersville.

"We've been supporting HospiceCare for a number of years," said Jim Cerra, Executive Director of the Kanawha Valley Builders.

"And over those years we have raised at least \$40,000 for Hospice because it's a very worthy cause and important to our community."

"It's amazing what Hospice does for people who are terminally ill and their families."

The early May golf scramble, held in South Charleston, was the 20th year of labor and management cooperative efforts to raise funds for local charitable causes.

For more information about HospiceCare call (800) 560-8523 or go online at www.hospicecarewv.org ■



Mike Matthews, Business Manager of the Charleston Building Trades Council (left) and Jim Cerra of the Kanawha Valley Builders (right) present a check to Larry Robertson, Executive Director of HospiceCare in the amount of \$5,000.

Chicago Bridge & Iron

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Competitors of Dominion have been building similar projects using local union workers and meeting their deadlines.

“We see this as part victory and part validation that using local union workers makes good business sense,” said Tom Gray, President of the Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades Council.

“Securing adequate manpower

to do these projects is clearly key to a successful project and we have the skilled workers to get these jobs done.”

The news about CB&I was learned at Dominion’s annual shareholders meeting held in Richmond, Virginia on May 3.

Mark Estlack and Scott Brewer of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council of Car-

penters along with Steve White of ACT gained access to the shareholder

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meeting as representatives of various Carpenter Pension funds that own Dominion stock.

Stock voting rights, known as proxies, were secured by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters.

The Carpenters have been active for 20 years in making sure union members use of their rights as major shareholders in corporate America through pension and health fund holdings.

It appears the Natrium project, and construction of phase two, will be controlled by a new partnership

between Dominion and Caiman Energy called Blue Racer Midstream LLC.

Caiman has a successful history in West Virginia of using contractors who hire local union workers. Last March Caiman sold their West Virginia assets to Williams Partners, a subsidiary of the Williams Companies for a reported \$2.5 billion.

Williams has expanded what Caiman began and started new developments. For their construction they brought in a major union contractor, URS, to manage their work. ■

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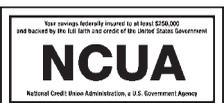


Members of the North Central WV Building Trades Council take aim during the 1st Annual Darwin L. Snyder Memorial Sporting Clay Event.

Approximately 40 people took part on Saturday, May 4 at Hunting Hills, PA.

The event commemorated Darwin Snyder, former Business Manager of IBEW Local 596 and President of the North Central WV Building Trades Council for many years. Snyder passed away last year from a debilitating lung ailment.

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