

BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE FUTURE

NWIBRT'S QUARTERLY E-NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN

New Year, Renewed Commitment

As we learned from the Business Outlook last quarter, the new year may be one of economic uncertainty and challenges for many of our member companies. But there were notes of optimism and opportunity too, which were a welcome contrast from many of the big factors that lie beyond our control.

These bright points deserve our focus and attention because they provide new pathways for growth. For example, Indiana is undergoing major transformations in areas like energy, transportation infrastructure, and local development. For member companies like ours in the construction and maintenance industries, these transformations represent new doors opening for our companies.

As NWIBRT members, this is the time for us to come together and learn. Every one of our member companies is invited to get hands-on with our committees or engage with one another through our education and networking events. The more we interact and collaborate, the more we'll discover new ways to prosper.

Let's not let the big-picture challenges slow our region down in 2023. Instead, let's come out swinging and position ourselves for continued success. Together, we win. Thank you and have a great start in 2023.

Joseph Lampert
Chairman

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Certificate Program: Mental Health First Aid

Coming up on February 15th, NWIBRT is going to be co-hosting a special certificate program that will present vital information for safety professionals and business leaders about mental health first aid.

This nationally accredited seminar will feature experts from the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, which is a Washington DC-based nonprofit. They will be teaching attendees about how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults.

The Mental Health First Aid seminar will take place on February 15th at the Construction Advancement Foundation in Portage.

NWI'S CONSTRUCTION MANPOWER OUTLOOK

NWI's Construction Manpower Outlook Breakfast

Construction projects are in the pipeline, but does the region have enough manpower to build them? That's what owner companies will be discussing with contractors and unions during the NWI's Construction Manpower Outlook Breakfast on February 28th. Attendees will hear firsthand about the projected manpower needs for the coming year.

This event will present a high-level outlook from owner companies about labor force topics for upcoming capital projects. Contractors, labor unions, and financial institutions will all have a great deal to learn from this event's presentation and panel discussion.

High-visibility sponsorships are available.
Tickets are \$20 for NWIBRT members and \$75 for non-members.
February 28th | Avalon Manor | Merrillville
Registration 7:30am | Program 8am to 9:30am

NWI's Construction Manpower Outlook Committee

Committee Chair, John Sabotnik | NIPSCO
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BUSINESS BUZZ

Korellis Earns INSHARP Certification

The Indiana Department of Labor announced that Korellis Inc. of Hammond is a certified participant in the Indiana Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program, or INSHARP.

Korellis Inc. is now part of a select group of employers recognized with the INSHARP certification for exceeding occupational safety and health expectations and demonstrated commitment to the well-being of Hoosier workers.

Franciscan Investing \$28M in Rensselaer Hospital

Franciscan Health Rensselaer will soon begin a \$28 million project to upgrade and modernize the hospital, which will include modernizing the emergency department and patient rooms. Renovation work will also include the hospital's infrastructure and central plant equipment, some of which dates to the 1960s.

CARE, Cargill Renew Partnership to Support Women

Cargill and CARE are expanding their partnership to improve economic development of smallholder farmers with a focus on female entrepreneurs. Cargill is pledging \$14 million over the next three years. The goal is to drive deeper impact and build resiliency for rural agricultural communities globally, especially as the world faces a growing hunger crisis.



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SAFETY AWARD

NOMINATIONS OPEN!

It's time to celebrate the outstanding safety performances from throughout the last year! Applications for Safety Awards are open from now until February 15, 2023.



Don't wait until the last minute and put yourself in a scramble! Applying is easy and convenient on NWIBRT's website by clicking the button below. Companies no longer need to mail in printed paper copies.

This year's awards presentation will take place on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at the Avalon Manor Banquet Center in Merrillville.

[Click Here to Submit Your Application](#)

EVENTS



Executive Committee Meeting
February 14th | CAF | Portage

NWI's Construction Manpower Outlook Breakfast
February 28th | Avalon Manor

Spring Seminar
Workplace Violence
April 14th | Purdue Univ. Northwest

[Click Here to See the Full Calendar of Events](#)

OTHER NEWS

Together, We Raised \$35,000 for Charity!

When our NWIBRT member companies come together, they make a true impact on our communities.

The 2022 NWIBRT Hard Hat Charity Golf Outing raised \$35,000 for five local nonprofit organizations that was distributed throughout the last quarter. These funds are now going to be used to support a collection of important community programs.

The nonprofits that each received \$7,000 donations included:

- Challenger Learning Center of NWI
- Goodwill Industries of Michiana
- Kids' Chance of Indiana
- Tradewinds Services
- Paladin, Inc.

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- Business growth, new hires
- Project highlights
- New developments in safety

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