



# The Connection

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**December 22, 2020 - Resend**

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## Association News

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### Looking for NAWIC National, Region and Chapter logos?

You can find National, Region and Chapter logos, as well as, Zoom backgrounds, PowerPoint templates and emblems on the member side of the NAWIC website.

Chapter logos can be found here: <https://www.nawic.org/nawic/Chapter-Logos.asp>

All other logos and templates can be found here: <https://www.nawic.org/nawic/Logos.asp>

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### Don't forget to RENEW your membership by December 31st

The renewal deadline for the 2020-2021 year was extended to December 31st. We have also started a two payment plan option! Make sure you get renewed in time before late fees start January 1st.

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### I WANT TO BE AN ENGINEER

Check out NAWIC Milwaukee Chapter 105 Director Andrea Breen on Xena Workwear's Blog!

'I want to be an Engineer'

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## NAWIC Store is open!

Check out the NAWIC Store online for all your updated NAWIC logo merchandise and association jewelry!

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## Education / Training

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### AISC (American Institute of Steel Construction) offers K-12 program



AISC (American Institute of Steel Construction) has fabrication and erection/installation components. They provide certifications for welding and programs, among other programs and training components. They also are offering a K-12 program to introduce children to steel erection.

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## NAWIC Benefits Spotlight

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### Lorman Education Services

National Association of Women in Construction is dedicated to providing cost-effective training opportunities that meet the needs, enhance the skills, restore knowledge, and build competencies of their members.

National Association of Women in Construction has partnered with Lorman Education Services to offer continuing education in the construction industry.

Members receive a **15% discount** on all orders. You may register online or call Lorman at 866-352-9539. Please use **Priority Code 16093 and Discount Code R5878094** when registering.

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## Industry Update

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### Top 10 Construction Crafts with the Highest Demand

Author: Jordyn Bodner, NCCER Guest Contributor



As we reach the end of 2020, we can't help but realize the importance of craft professionals in our lives. While most of our lives were put on halt, the construction industry continued to stay active. From improving infrastructure to providing essential services, we owe them a big thank you.

Construction hasn't fully escaped the impact of COVID-19 on the economy, but it has managed to fare better than many industries affected by lockdowns and quarantines. Skilled and talented individuals remain a significant need in construction as the industry faces a workforce shortage. Training the next generation of craft professionals continues to be a priority.

Out of the 20 crafts on the Craft Labor Map, let's look at the top 10 construction careers with the highest demand in the United States.

**Craft Laborer** – Craft laborers perform variety of basic tasks around a job site. This is a great option for anyone who is just starting off in construction, and it introduces the professional to an array of more specialized crafts, including electrical, carpentry and more. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows employment of craft laborers growing 5% over a ten-year period, which is faster than the average for other occupations.

Average salary per year – \$38,890

**Carpenter** – There are many types of carpenters. They are responsible for constructing, erecting and repairing fixtures of all types of materials like wood, plastic, fiberglass and drywall. Carpenters work both indoors and outdoors on different projects.

Average salary per year – \$56,877

**Mason** – Masons work with materials like bricks, concrete blocks and natural stones to build structures. Brick walls are often key components of the main load-bearing support for a building; however, non-structural decorative masonry is also another component of the craft.

Average salary per year – \$56,784

Heavy Equipment Operator – As a kid, did you play with your toy dump trucks and bulldozers hoping to be able to operate it one day? If so, heavy equipment operator (HEO) may be for you. HEOs are trained and certified to work equipment that moves and transports materials on a construction/work site.

Average Salary per year – \$60,828

Boilermaker – Boilermakers install, maintain and repair different boiling systems containing liquids and gases. Some boilermakers enter the craft through training in similar occupations, such as pipefitting and welding.

Average salary per year – \$65,341

Electrician – Electricians maintain, install, inspect and troubleshoot the electrical needs of all types of buildings. They are in charge of all the wires that help give our homes and businesses light and our phones a wall outlet to charge from.

Average salary per year – \$67,269

Ironworker – An ironworker is responsible for installing structural elements like steel and iron beams to make the buildings that surround us each and every day. Without ironworkers, the building we enter and exit on a daily basis wouldn't be upright and standing tall.

Average salary per year – \$60,060

Pipefitter – Pipefitters shape, install and maintain pipe systems that transport chemicals and endure high pressure. Pipefitting is similar in some ways to plumbing, but they are different crafts. To find out the difference between pipefitting and plumbing, check out this article.

Average salary per year – \$62,697

Painter – Have you always been artsy? Have you always had a love of painting, but didn't know how to make a career out of it? If so, look into becoming a professional painter. Painters work to paint to inside and outdoor parts of buildings. Use your career in the construction industry to unleash your creativity.

Average salary per year – \$41,840

Sheet Metal Worker – Sheet metal workers cut and mold sheets of thin metal for installing and repairing ventilation and air ducts, among other projects. Often sheet metal workers create their components in a fabrication shop before they are sent to the construction site for installation.

Average salary per year – \$58,160

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## Calendar

**7**  
Jan 2021

### National Town Hall - Chat with the Region Directors

January 7, 6:00pm CST

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**12**  
Jan 2021

### PD&E Committee Webinar

January 12

11 am CST

The Fundamentals of Biz Dev for Construction Professionals

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**18**  
Jan 2021

### National Leadership Webinar - Campaigning

January 18

6pm CST

National Leadership Webinar - Campaigning Policies, Guidelines and Etiquette

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**21**  
Jan 2021

### Membership & Marketing Webinar

January 21

1pm CST

Membership & Marketing Webinar - Membership

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**28**  
Jan 2021

### Emerging Professionals Webinar

January 28

1pm CST

Mentoring Program Next Steps

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