



April 14, 2020

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RE: Tri-Cities Apprentice Preparation Program

Dear Mr. Martin,

We are pleased to submit this letter to request continued recognition of our Tri-Cities Apprentice Preparation Program operated by Tri-Tech Skills Center for the 8 school districts in the Tri-Cities (Kennewick, Richland, Pasco, Columbia Burbank, Finley, North Franklin, Kiona-Benton and Prosser). This program has been in operation since 2009 and continues to receive tremendous support from our local apprentice training coordinators and programs.

Since its inception, the intention of the program is providing opportunities for high school students to learn about potential careers in the construction and construction related industries. The program is different than most apprentice preparation programs in that we do not have a stand-alone class, rather we work with the programs at Tri-Tech Skills Center as well all the CTE programs at all the local high schools. Our program consists of events like Construction Career Day, Careers in Manufacturing and GRITT (MAGIC) Camp for girls on a large scale as well as monthly afternoon/evening classes held at the apprentice training centers with their instructors and apprentices. These classes are held after school hours for the students to show the initiative to attend and find out about career possibilities. These sessions are usually approximately 2 to 2.5 hours and include the electrical, sheet metal, iron worker, laborers, plumbers/steamfitters, and carpenters.

We have approximately 100-125 students enroll in the program every year (all the Tri Tech Construction and Welding students as well as others from surrounding schools) and will average 15-30 attendees at each session depending on the trade represented. Our Construction Career Day had over 700 attendees and GRITT(MAGIC) Camp had 25. This year we even had two field trips for our welders that included Local 598 and Local 14 at Apollo Construction and Lampson International. Our student demographics mirror our surrounding communities and are about 50% minority with about 5-7% females. Our regular Tri-Tech students are juniors and seniors in high school while the attendees at Construction Career Day range in age from 8th-12th grade and the females in our GRITT(MAGIC) Camp are usually 7th-12th grade.

We do not have direct entry agreements with our participating apprentice programs, but we do have preferred interview arrangements whereby our students will at least get an opportunity to compete for apprentice positions, with way less work history than other candidates might have. The students are given credit for their time in our programs. Some students will also go to work in an entry level construction type position that will give the work history they need to compete for the more selective programs.

Our Tri-Tech programs all have industry based advisory committees which help guide the curriculum and activities taught to our students. A large portion of our Construction Trades program is building multiple houses for Habitat for Humanity starting with the dirt, so the students get lots of real world experience as well

as the satisfaction of helping families in need. Last year our Construction (with some help from our Firefighting class) helped construction 9 houses. A record year for us. Our welding program continues to grow with the students earning AWS SENSE student certifications as well as internship opportunities at various local employers including Sandvik Special Metals.

We have many successful former participants that are either apprentices or journeymen across the many trades. Below are the examples from the Laborers and the Electricians.

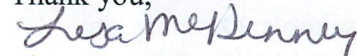
Electrical:	Tri-Tech program	Apprentice #
Parker Cerna	Welding Technology	199900
Oscar Flores	Auto Systems Technology	205298
Yakov(Jacob) Semenyuk	Welding Technology	185097
Skye Tolar	Radio Broadcasting	197250

Laborers:	
Gregorio Centeno	Construction Trades
Miguel Prieto	Construction Trades
Daniel Rojo	Construction Trades
Jose Valencia	Construction Trades

I have also enclosed letters of support from Marcus Burluson, Training Director for LU 112-NECA Electrical JATC and Luis Licea, Apprenticeship Coordinator for the NWLETT.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We appreciate the tremendous support we receive from our local training coordinators and couldn't do what we do for our students without them.

Thank you,



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Marcus Burleson – Training Director

March 12, 2020

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the LU112-NECA Electrical JATC Training Director, and former Tri-Tech graduate, I am in full support of continuing our Training program's association with the Tri-Tech Skills Center. Together we provide opportunities for not only Tri-Tech students but all area students. We actively support and participate in community events, such as Construction Career Day, GRITT night, and more specifically, holding Pre-Apprenticeship nights at our facility for Electrical and all Trade students.

We look forward to many more outstanding graduates' interest and application to our program in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marcus Burleson'.

Marcus Burleson
Training Director



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Tri-Tech Graduates who were enrolled in the
LU112-NECA Electrical JATC apprenticeship
during 2018 & 2019

<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Registered Apprentice Number</i></u>
Parker Cerna	199900
Oscar Flores	205298
Noah Labat	197708
Yakov (Jacob) Semenyuk	185097
Skye Tolar	197250



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April 7, 2020

Washington State Apprenticeship and Training Council:

It is my pleasure to write a letter of support of Tri-Tech Skill Center located in Kennewick Washington.

Centeno Gregorio, Prieto Miguel, Rojo Daniel, Valencia Jose are some of the recent graduates from the Skill Center who are now indenture into the NWLETT program, Tri-Tech Skill Center does a terrific job exposing students to the industry.

Through the course of the school year, Tri-Tech invites the NWLETT program to come and speak with their students and when possible their students come to our training facility in Pasco WA. Where they get to spend a few hours with actual apprentices who are taking their RSI.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of Tri-Tech. Any program that can help students make a good decision on their future such as Tri-Tech is doing, can only benefit our community and help various register apprenticeship programs obtain participants.

Sincerely

Luis Licea
Apprenticeship Coordinator
Northwest laborers