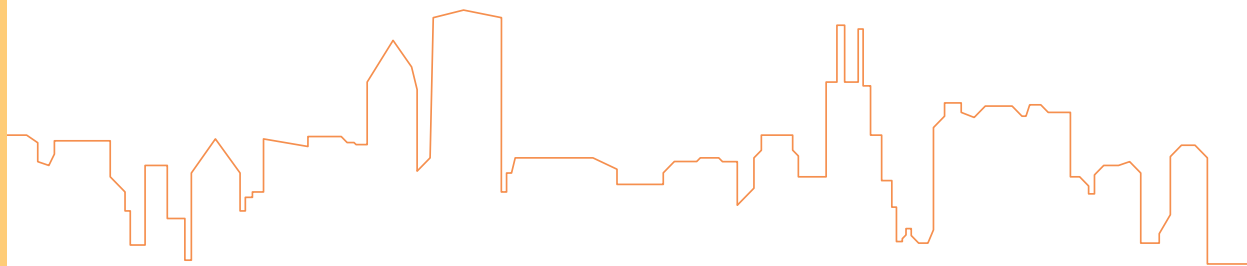


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SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



## NORTH AMERICA'S BUILDING TRADES UNIONS & CHICAGO WOMEN IN TRADES ARE PROUD TO HOST THE 2017 WOMEN BUILD NATIONS CONFERENCE!



This interactive, informative and fun-filled weekend will provide attendees with the inspiration to re-energize their careers and the resources and support to overcome challenges along the way.

**WOMEN BUILD NATIONS** returns to Chicago, in the heart of the south loop's historic McCormick Place neighborhood – minutes from the vibrant downtown scene. With over 1,000 rooms reserved, an extended vendor hall area and meeting space connected to the largest convention center in North America, this conference promises to be the largest ever convening of tradeswomen and their allies.

**WOMEN BUILD NATIONS** is for women of all ages and all skill levels who work, or aspire to work, in the construction trades. Whether you are a pre-apprentice or a seasoned journeyman, this conference provides a unique opportunity to learn from and connect with tradeswomen from around the country and the world.

**WOMEN BUILD NATIONS** speaks to every tradeswoman's needs, offering workshops and plenary sessions facilitated by tradeswomen and featuring union leaders, apprenticeship coordinators, contractors and elected officials. Workshop tracks include, but are not limited to, Recruitment & Retention; Leadership Development; Policy/Politics and Beyond the Tools.



**REGISTRATION FEE:**

Conference registration fee includes two continental breakfasts, lunch, and a reception

**\$100 per person**

(postmarked/submitted by September 1).

**\$150 per person**

(after September 1)

**VENDORS:**

This is a great opportunity to introduce tradeswomen to your services and/or products. If you would like to host a table at this year's Women Build Nations Conference, email your request to **WBNVendorInfo@cwit2.org** for pricing and vendor set up information.

**Amount Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you are registering for multiple people, please fill out the registration form for each individual and indicate amount paid per person. **Make checks payable to North America's Building Trades Unions** and mail this form to NABTU at 815 16th Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006

Please print clearly and fill out one for each attendee (make copies as needed)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BADGE NAME (IF DIFFERENT) \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION/UNION \_\_\_\_\_ LOCAL # \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP/COUNTRY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL FOR ATTENDEE \_\_\_\_\_

PRE-APPRENTICE

For questions regarding registration contact: Doug Blake at [Dblake@buildingtrades.org](mailto:Dblake@buildingtrades.org) or (202) 756-4668 at NABTU.

To register on-line: <https://womenbuildnations.shipshapeit.com/pages/onlineRegistration.aspx>

**WORKSHOPS**

**WOMEN BUILD NATIONS** is power packed with 2 days of workshops, plenaries and networking sessions designed to energize and invigorate attendees. There are new workshops each year, so even if you attended the conference in the past, there are old favorites and new workshops that may interest you this year. **Workshops offered at the 2016 WBN Conference:**

- NEW TO THE TRADES:** Tools of the Trades • Surviving and Thriving in Apprenticeship • Good First Impressions: Interviewing
- BUILDING YOUR UNION AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS:** Developing a Women's Committee • Public Speaking • How to be an Effective Advocate • Creating a Great Mentorship Program
- STAYING STRONG IN THE TRADES:** Sisterhood Tools: Anti-racism 101 • Mind, Body, Union • Career Ladders in Construction • Sex Discrimination in the Workplace
- POLICY ISSUES AND POLITICS:** Policy Forum • Attacks on Unions and Jobs • From Hand-cuffs to Hard Hats • Economy that Works for Women • Organizing Through School and Community Outreach
- BEYOND THE TOOLS:** Tradeswomen's History • International Worker's Day • Blue Jean Pocket Writers

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE \*\***

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	The Institute for Recruiting & Retaining Women in the Trades Registration
	2 - 8 p.m.	Vendor & Meet and Greet Reception
	6 - 9 p.m.	Registration
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14	7:00 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
	8:00 a.m.	Welcome Plenary
	10:15 a.m.	Workshop Session I
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch
	1:15 p.m.	Workshop Session II
	3:00 p.m.	Caucus by Trade
	4:30 p.m.	Banner Parade
SUNDAY OCTOBER 15	6:00 p.m.	Conference Reception & Dance Party
	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
	8:00 a.m.	Workshop Session III
	9:45 a.m.	Workshop Session IV
	11:30 a.m.	Final Plenary
	1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own
	2:00 p.m.	Tradeswomen Policy Forum

\*\* Note: Agenda subject to change!

**THE INSTITUTE FOR RECRUITING & RETAINING WOMEN IN THE TRADES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017, 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.**

This is a separate event and registration includes continental breakfast and lunch

**\$125 PER PERSON**, Online registration cut off October 1

**MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION LINKS ARE AVAILABLE AT**

<http://chicagowomenintradess2.org/women-building-nations/institute-for-recruiting-and-retaining-women-in-trades/>

We invite you to join us at the fourth Annual Practitioner Institute in conjunction with the 2017 Women Build Nations conference. The Institute is a professional development event for industry practitioners, including pre-apprenticeship training program providers, employers, registered apprenticeship programs, workforce practitioners, and other industry stakeholders. Workshops and panels will focus on best practices in our industry to increase access for women into the skilled trades and other blue-collar employment, supportive services, outreach and recruitment resources, and Equal Employment Opportunity compliance information and resources. Join us on Friday, October 13 to learn more about these topics, to network with industry partners from around the country and hear about successful program models from our peers.



**FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE INSTITUTE CONTACT: KELLY KUPCAK AT [KELLY@TRADESWOMEN.NET](mailto:KELLY@TRADESWOMEN.NET)**



**MORE WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 WOMEN BUILD NATIONS CONFERENCE!**

**UNION BANNERS:** The Banner Parade is on! Bring your union banner and prepare to strut your stuff, come rain or shine — always a great photo op!

**VIDEOS:** Send us your videos about working in the trades to show during the conference. (Maximum length is 3 minutes—no exceptions!) All videos must be on DVD or USB flash drive and received by Chicago Women in Trades no later than September 15.

**ITEMS FOR THE TRADESWOMEN ARCHIVES:** Bring photos and memorabilia of yourself (or friends) on the job. Be prepared to tell your story of working in the trades!

**ARRIVING EARLY FOR WBN? JOIN US FOR PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS HOSTED BY CHICAGO WOMEN IN TRADES**

- Open house at Chicago Women in Trades: **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**
- Chicago labor history tour: **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**
- Chicago Architecture Foundation boat tour: **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

More information and registration links available at: <http://chicagowomenintradess2.org/women-building-nations/wbn-workshops-and-activities/>

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS**

HYATT REGENCY MCCORMICK PLACE  
2233 South Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 60616-9985, Phone: 312.528.1234

**RATES:** \$149.00 per night, single and double occupancy  
\$169.00 per night triple occupancy  
\$189.00 per night quadruple occupancy

**GROUP RATE CODE:** PASSKEY  
**LINK:** <https://aws.passkey.com/go/WBN2017>  
**GROUP RATE CUT-OFF DATE:** October 1, 2017

If you need additional assistance, please call (888) 421-1442; International callers (402) 592-6464

**GETTING THERE (DRIVING)**

**FROM O'HARE INT'L AIRPORT (23 MILES):**  
Take Kennedy Expressway (1-90/94) east to Stevenson Expressway (1-55) North, Exit at Dr. Martin Luther King Drive at the light turn left to the hotel.

**FROM MIDWAY AIRPORT (10 MILES):**  
Take Cicero Ave., North to the Stevenson Expressway (1-55) North. Exit at Dr. Martin Luther King Drive Jr. Drive to the light, turn left to the hotel.

**CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CTA):**  
Hyatt Regency McCormick is conveniently located just a few blocks from the Cermak-Chinatown Red Line Station as well as the Cermak-McCormick Green Line Station. The CTA makes stops all throughout downtown Chicago.

**PARKING**

For information on parking options, visit the hotel website: <https://mccormickplace.regency.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>

