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 journeyperson, 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.
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 WBNVendinfo@cw2.org for pricing and vendor set up information.

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 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:
• Attacks on Unions and Jobs
• From Hand-cuffs to Hard Hats
• Economy

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 at 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 the 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!

TO REGISTER ON-LINE:
https://womenbuildnations.shipshapeit.com/pages/onlineRegistration.aspx

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

BUILDING WOMEN’S EQUITY IN APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYMENT: AN INSTITUTE FOR PRACTITIONERS AND EMPLOYERS

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 the 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.

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. Continental Breakfast
7:00 a.m. Registration
7:00 a.m. Workshop Session I
10:15 a.m. Workshop Session II
11:45 a.m. Lunch
1:15 p.m. Caucus by Trade
4:30 p.m. Banner Parade
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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Final Plenary
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Workshops with Panel Discussions
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Vendor & Meet and Greet Reception
11:30 a.m. Lunch
6:00 p.m. Continental Breakfast
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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Workshops with Panel Discussions
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Vendor & Meet and Greet Reception
11:30 a.m. Lunch
6:00 p.m. Continental Breakfast
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: Agendas subject to change**

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 15
• Chicago Architecture Foundation boat tour: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

For more information and registration links available at https://chicagowomenintrades2.org/women-building-nations/

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

HYATT REGENCY MCCORMICK PLACE

2225 South Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Chicago, Illinois, USA, 60616-9985, Phone: 312.567.1234

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://go.regency.com/go/WBN2017
GROUP RATE CUTOFF 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 (I-55/94) east to Stevenson Expressway (I-55) North. Exit at Dr. Martin Luther King Drive at the light turn left to the hotel.

FROM MIDWAY AIRPORT (10 MILES):
• Take Cermak Ave., North to the Stevenson Expressway (I-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