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MBIT Announces Trade Programs Are Endorsed By State Builders Association

Jamison, PA – Middle Bucks Institute of Technology announced on January 15, 2014 that its Architecture and Construction Career Cluster Pathways, Building Trades Occupations and Plumbing Technology have been endorsed by the Pennsylvania Builders Association. In addition HVAC, Electrical and Network Cabling, and Construction Carpentry have received reaccreditation.

Endorsement of a school's trade programs involves a thorough review and evaluation by construction industry professionals using criteria established by the Pennsylvania Builders Association. Endorsement assures that those trades programs in the schools meet high standards of performance and will properly prepare students with foundational knowledge within the residential building industry.

PBA is working with schools around the state to evaluate their various homebuilding programs. The instructors must integrate the Residential Construction Academy curriculum into their programs. The RCA curriculum follows specific national residential skill standards created by the National Association of Home Builders and their educational arm, the Home Builders Institute. The skill standards encompass core competencies as carpentry; plumbing; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; and others.

Students who complete an endorsed course are then tested by the National Occupational Competency Testing Institute, an approved test through the PA Department of Education. When students score competent or advanced, they received an official PBA Skill Certificate noting their accomplishment. Receiving a certificate provides reassurance to homebuilders that they are well prepared for work with a residential construction company.

To become endorsed by PBA, various components of a school's trade programs are evaluated, including: facilities, tools and equipment, instructor qualifications, the curriculum, program support, and the establishment of a National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) student chapter. PBA's endorsed trade program is the only residential building certification program of its kind in the nation.



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For more information on the MBIT Architecture and Construction Cluster Career Pathways, please contact Miss Erin-Caitlin Rinker, Organizational Advancement at 215-343-2480. To learn more about the Pennsylvania Builders Association Endorsement, please contact a PBA Representative at 1-800-692-7339, ext. 3024.

About Middle Bucks Institute of Technology

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology offers a complete array of career, technical, and pre-professional courses to enhance the academic program of all students. The Middle Bucks Campus is located on Old York Road in Jamison, Warwick Township. The school serves students from the Centennial, Central Bucks, Council Rock, and New Hope-Solebury School Districts. The educational program at Middle Bucks Institute of Technology is organized into ten career clusters and twenty-one career pathways, all geared to preparing students to meet the growing needs of High Priority Occupations in Pennsylvania.

About PBA

Chartered in 1952, the Pennsylvania Builders Association is a nonprofit professional trade organization representing 8,500 member-companies from across the commonwealth. PBA members and their 528,000 employees include builders, remodelers, material suppliers, subcontractors, consultants, lending institutions, utilities and others involved in the housing industry.

PBA serves its membership by providing proactive leadership on state regulatory and legislative issues and by offering products and services to its 40 local associations and chapters that enhance the effectiveness and professionalism of its members. PBA serves Pennsylvania communities and consumers through its steadfast efforts to protect homeownership rights and advocate for affordable housing options. PBA is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders.

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