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Guide for Veterans Choosing a Trade Career

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Many returning service members worry about choosing a civilian career they'll like-and that will give them the quality of life they deserve. The skilled trades offer a work environment that many veterans like, along with steady, reliable pay.

Why choose the skilled trades?

Training in the skilled trades gives you knowledge that is always in high demand, and the chance to earn high wages. Best of all, it's easy to find the training and job placement assistance you need.

Skilled trade workers are in high demand

Many skilled workers can expect employment opportunities to grow over the next decade. The US Bureau of Labor Statistics expects faster than average growth in these skilled trades:

- · Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers: eight percent growth expected
- Plumbers: five percent growth expected
- Ironworkers: six percent growth expected
 Elevator and escalator installers and remainers Elevator and escalator installers and repairers: six percent growth expected
- Electricians: nine percent growth expected
- Industrial machinery mechanics: nineteen percent growth expected

Higher demand for these trades will mean more job opportunities-or even the opportunity to use your knowledge to start your own business.

Good wages

Skilled tradespeople can expect to earn tens of thousands more over the course of their lives than they would making minimum wage. And they can expect to start earning a much higher starting salary than many college graduates do. Salaries for the skilled trades vary based on industry and location, but it's not unusual for skilled tradespeople to earn starting salaries of \$50,000 and more.

Here are the average salaries for several fast-growing occupations, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

- Aircraft and avionics equipment mechanics and technicians: \$66,680 per year (\$32.06 per hour)



- Electricians: \$56,900 per year (\$27.36 per hour)
- Plumbers: \$56,330 per year (\$27.08 per hour)
- Masonry workers: \$47,710 per year (\$22.94 per hour)
- Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers: \$44,190

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Description of project:

The work under the terms of contract A-46030 includes state of good repair improvements at the 61st Street-Woodside Station, replacement of existing escalators at the 61 Street-Woodside Station and the 74th Street-Broadway Station and stripping and painting and the repair of structural defects between 48th Street and 72nd Street in the Borough of Queens.

Many bidding opportunities are available: mechanical, HVAC and control system, electrical, electrical distribution system, communication work, instrumentation and control work, plumbing, fire protection, survey, temporary platforms, scaffolding, stair towers, borings, water work and service connections, drainage, station drainage, track drainage, curb and sidewalk, demolition (architectural and structural), painting, surface cleaning for painting, signage, miscellaneous metals, stairs, railings, guardrails, ladders, gates, metal canopies, catwalks, escalators, roll up / sliding grilles, trim work, access panels / doors, storefront, concrete topping slabs, firestopping, caulking, rough carpentry, doors and hardware, glazing, tile, VCT, gypsum board, division 10, porcelain enamel panels, FRP, precast concrete, detectable warning panels, platform rubbing board, expansion joints, benches, trash receptacles, sandboxes, refuse enclosures, waterproofing, customer information centers, bird deterrent systems, security mirrors, MTA artwork, structural steel, shielding, platform windscreens, concrete crack repairs, concrete spall repairs, structural steel repairs, structural health monitoring, water leak repairs, grout, rainscreen, track basket replacement, trackwork, track components (anchors, clips, etc.), track ties, track rail, traction power, signal work, CBTC, environmental work, mercury containing removals, PCB removals, lead paint removal, H and D, trucking, abatement of bird droppings, asbestos, commissioning, field office furniture, field office computers / equipment, office cleaning, dumpsters, temporary power and lighting, photos, toilets, con ex boxes, CPM schedule, site security, precast barrier, temporary fencing, vibration monitoring, pest control, testing and inspections.

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IS SOLICITING COST PROPOSALS FROM NEW YORK STATE CERTIFIED M/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND VENDORS Bay Park Permanent Hot Water/Chilled Water Piping System Project Nassau County Contract No: S35121-16P Bid Date: March 29, 2022

Description of project:

The broad scope of this project will be to decommission and remove existing temporary high temperature hot water and FRP chilled campus wide distribution systems, and to replace these systems by installing new above and below grade hot water and chilled water piping distribution throughout the site.

Many bidding opportunities are available: pipe demolition, roofing, painting, electrical work, miscellaneous metals, site work, dewatering, photography, masonry, pipe insulation, plumbing, and concrete work.

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DBE SUBCONTRACTORS, VENDORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS Raritan River Bridge Replacement Project Contract No. GC.02 in the boroughs of Perth Amboy and South Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey New Jersey Transit IFB No. 19-018XR

Bid Date: April 14, 2022

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IS SOLICITING BIDS FROM MWBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS Raritan River Bridge Replacement Project Contract No. GC.02 New Jersey Transit IFB No. 19-018XR Bid Date: April 14, 2022

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to civil general contracting, concrete, construction engineering, CPM scheduling, demolition, electrical, fender piles, field office, fuel, office trailer fit out, miscellaneous metals, paint, pavement markings, structural steel fabrication, rebar, saw cutting, signs, surveying, trucking, waterproofing, work boats, and tugs. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

Interested firms please contact john.papagiannakis@skanska.com • EOE/M/F/Vet/Disabled



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Capital Project Wards Island Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility Reconstruction of Primary Tanks NYC DEP Contract No: WI-284 Bid Date: April 15, 2022

Description of project:

Wards Island Wastewater Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) is located in the borough of Manhattan on Wards Island. Contract WI-284 consists of multiple elements of work necessary to reconstruct/rehabilitate 10 existing primary settling tanks consisting of 5 passes each.

Many bidding opportunities are available: paving, curb and sidewalk, CPM scheduling, progress photos, pest control, demolition, hydro-demolition, spall repair and crack repair, sawcutting, structural concrete, rebar supply and installation, survey, masonry, miscellaneous metals, roofing, doors, mechanical pumps and equipment, HVAC, hazardous material removals, piping, electrical, instrumentation and control.

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IS SOLICITING BIDS FROM DBE SUBCONTRACTORS AND SUPPLIERS Reconstruction of Williamsburg Bridge and Miscellaneous Rehabilitation Project NYC DOT Contract No. 84122MBBR501 Bid Date: May 3, 2022

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to bearings, civil general contracting, concrete, construction engineering, CPM scheduling, drainage, electrical, fencing, fire standpipe, field office, fuel, haul and dispose, highway lighting, office trailer fit out, MPT, paint, pavement markings, structural steel fabrication, saw cutting, signs, surveying, trucking, and waterproofing. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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AirTrain Newark Replacement Project in the cities of Newark and Elizabeth, New Jersey PANYNJ RFP No. 70027

Bid Date: May 26, 2022

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NORTHEAST EVENTS FOR YOUR BUSINESS



SBA and SOS Monthly Webinar Thursday, April 7, 2022, 9:00 am-11:00 am Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division

Contact: Miguel Moralez, 603-225-1601, miguel.moralez@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required Starting a new business? Looking for capital

and finance options? Looking for general advice on starting or maintaining your business? Hear from representatives from the local SBA office and the New Hampshire Secretary of State Corporation Division. This workshop (currently held online during the pandemic) is offered on the first Thursday of every month. To join this free webinar, copy and paste the link below into your browser, then register for tickets for the date of your choice to receive the access code. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/secretary-ofstate-quickstart-and-small-business-administration-programs-tickets-262004180557

How SBA Can Help Your Business Succeed Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Renaissance Economic Development Corporation Contact: Teresa Detelj, 212-264-7060, Man-Li.Lin@sba.gov Fee: Free; registration required

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Selling to the Federal Government Webinar Thursday, April 28, 2022, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Online

Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration Contact: George Tapia, 610-382-3086, george.tapia@sba.gov

Fee: Free; registration required

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