When 1,000 tradeswomen who work in every craft in the building and construction trades come together, it’s powerful. Women Building the Nation is the largest conference of its type in the world.

Although the percentage of women who work with the tools remains far too low, Women Building the Nation welcomes women into the trades and offers both new and experienced tradeswomen opportunities for networking, skill building, leadership development and organizing.

This national conference grew out of the annual Women Building California conference, sponsored by the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California since 2002. This will be the fifth national conference, co-sponsored by North America’s Building Trades Unions (BCTD).

Each year, tradeswomen, union leaders, apprenticeship coordinators, contractors, and politicians facilitate more than 40 workshops and plenary sessions. Workshop tracks include: Pre-apprentices; Staying In and Staying Strong; Promoting Leadership; Policy & Politics; Career Ladders; and Nourishing Extras.

Opening this year’s conference on the evening of May 1 will be a “Meet and Greet” event for women who are leaders and mentors. Closing the conference will be a Policy Forum on May 3, sponsored by the National Task Force on Tradeswomen’s Issues.

A special Pre-Apprenticeship Institute will be held on May 1 for those who coordinate and staff pre-apprenticeship programs. (Note: this event is for practitioners not for pre-apprentices.) Workshops, round-tables and speakers will enable attendees to share experiences and best practices for recruiting and engaging women in your programs and successfully placing them into construction apprenticeships. We encourage pre-apprenticeship staff to stay for the full conference.

Jointly planned by the California Building Trades Council, Tradeswomen Inc., a Los Angeles Host Committee and the North America’s Building Trades Committee for Women in the Trades, Women Building the Nation 2015 promises to be more exciting and productive than ever.
2015 Registration Form

REGISTRATION FEE:
- $75 per person* (postmarked/ submitted by Feb. 20)
- $100 per person* (postmarked/ submitted by April 23)
- $125 per person* (April 24 through paying at the door)

*Includes two continental breakfasts & lunches and conference reception.
*$15 discount (per person) for members of BCTD-affiliated unions.

More ways to participate!

Video: Are you an established or aspiring video maker? Here’s your chance to showcase your stuff. We’re soliciting videos about working in the trades to show during the conference. (Maximum length is 3 minutes—no exceptions!) All videos must be received on DVD or Flash Drive by April 10.

Art: We’re looking for tradeswomen who are poets and artists. We love to see it!

Spoken Word: We’re looking for tradeswomen who are poets and spoken word artists to perform at the conference.

Union Banners: We can’t hang these on the walls, but please bring your union banner for the “banner parade”—always a great photo op!

Items for the Tradeswomen Archives: Are you an artist with tradeswomen-related art to display? We’d love to see it!

Workshop Ideas/Presenters: Do you have an idea of a workshop topic you’d like to see or present about? Let us know. For more info about submitting videos, art, being a spoken word artist or submitting workshop ideas at the conference, e-mail dchaplan@sbctc.org.

Hotel Accommodations

Sheraton Gateway LAX, Los Angeles, California
Rate: $129 per room (plus tax)
To Reserve: 1-800-325-3535 or on-line at www.sbctc.org

Rates based on single or double occupancy, while rooms are available.

Reserve by April 10 for the group rate: “Women Building Conference.”

Getting There

If you’re flying in:
take the complimentary airport shuttle.

If driving:
From Downtown Los Angeles: Take I-110 S to Interstate 105 West.
From South: Take I-405 N to I-105 West.
From Nor Cal/San Fernando Valley: Take I-405 South to I-105 South.
Once on I-105 West: Exit at Sepulveda Blvd. and head north toward Century Blvd. Turn left onto Avion Drive. The hotel will be on the left.

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