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Celebrate National Careers in Construction Week - Please join us in celebrating National Careers in Construction Week Oct. 16 - 20! The purpose of this week is to create awareness about careers in construction and to honor those who work in the industry. Governor Christine Gregoire formally proclaimed this recognition, which is endorsed by the Washington State Apprenticeship Council. Several activities are planned statewide, including special recognition at Tacoma City Council meeting on Tuesday, October 17, at 5:00 p.m., at the Tacoma Municipal Building (Chambers, first floor). Mayor Baarsma will introduce the City's proclamation, officially endorsing this week, and recognizing the contributions of the industry. At Puyallup School District's Rogers High School, home of ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) Academy, students' projects will be displayed, and students will perform demos during lunch on Friday, October 20. If you are planning special activities for Careers in Construction Week, please contact Rebecca Harrison at 253.404.3983. Events from the week will be highlighted in the next newsletter as well as at the Construction Council meeting in November. If you would like to host an activity but need some ideas, the Construction Center of Excellence has put together a comprehensive list of suggestions, which can be found at www.rtc.edu/CommunityResources/CCE.

Get Electrified Graduate Earns Journey Card - Chris Winter, a 2004 graduate of Bethel High School and a participant in the first group to participate in the Get Electrified School to Electrical Apprenticeship Program, has earned his official journey card from the Department of Labor and Industries. He is the first of his class to receive his card, certifying him as a residential electrician. At the IBEW Local 76 and NECA Southwest Washington graduation ceremony held in June, Chris was honored as one of the top 2006 graduates, receiving a cash award for earning the highest grade point average in his class. Congratulations, Chris!

DVD Released to Promote “The Original Four Year Degree” - The Washington State Construction and Building Trades Council has released a DVD for educators interested in sharing information about apprenticeship. Two versions are available: one version targets students, and the other version is geared more towards parents. The DVD includes many familiar people and places from around the state, including local instructor Steve Harper from the SW WA Electrical J.A.T.C. To order the DVD, call 360.357.6778, or go to www.wabuildingtrades.org.

Construction Council to Meet November 13 - The next Construction Council meeting will be held 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 13, at 3650 S Cedar Street. Please submit any suggestions for agenda items to Rebecca Harrison *no later than* Monday, October 30.

Reminder: Share Your News in the PCCP Newsletter - If you would like to submit an item for *Ground Floor*, the Construction Partnership's newsletter, please send the information to Rebecca at rharrison@pic.tacoma.wa.us by the 5th of the month. Thank you!

