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## ABC of Indiana/Kentucky Receives Trimmer Grant to Expand Apprenticeship Training

**LOUISVILLE, KY., and INDIANAPOLIS, IN., March 2, 2026** — Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana/Kentucky today announced it has received a grant from the [Trimmer Construction Education Fund \(TCEF\)](#). The funding will support the expansion and modernization of training programs at ABC of Indiana/Kentucky’s four Career Training Centers serving Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

The grant will go toward expanding and upgrading lab equipment and technology resources, helping strengthen apprenticeship instruction and workforce readiness across the region.

ABC of Indiana/Kentucky will use the funding to modernize its Apprenticeship Programs. The investment will support advanced classroom and lab equipment, including Programmable Logic Control (PLC) trainers, conduit bending and motor wiring equipment, and updated instructional technology aligned with nationally recognized curriculum.

“These tools elevate the educational experience for our apprentices while ensuring ABC of Indiana/Kentucky remains aligned with evolving industry standards and workforce demands,” said Anna Larson, Director of Training and Apprenticeship–Kentucky and Southern Indiana, ABC of Indiana/Kentucky. “By integrating modern technology, strengthening instructional delivery and supporting rigorous training expectations, we are building a sustainable pipeline of skilled professionals and upskilling incumbent workers to meet the future of the trades.”

Larson added that the grant will help expand technical programming and incorporate advanced technology tools across training locations.

The investment also supports ABC of Indiana/Kentucky’s broader workforce development goals

- Upskilling incumbent employees in companies to meet new trade demands
- Integrating technology that enhances classroom, lab and remote learning experiences
- Equipping instructors with modern technical teaching tools

TCEF promotes a safe, skilled and sustainable workforce by providing funding for training initiatives, education programs and facility expansion that advance careers in the merit shop construction industry. Established in 1971 and named after its first executive vice president,

John Trimmer, the fund continues to support ABC chapters nationwide in workforce development efforts.

“ABC of Indiana/Kentucky’s contractor members and Kentucky and Southern Indiana’s construction industry are better for this important workforce development program,” said ABC President and CEO Mike Bellaman. “Trimmer Grants help drive sustainable long-term development and a competitive advantage in construction as we coach up the industry’s future workforce. Trimmer’s goal is to attract, upskill and retain talent through educating the public about the varied opportunities a career in the construction industry has to offer. Congratulations to ABC of Indiana/Kentucky for obtaining this grant.”

ABC members contribute on average \$500,000 annually to TCEF, which recently awarded grants to ABC’s Alabama, Metro Washington, New Orleans/Bayou, New Hampshire/Vermont, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Southeastern Michigan and San Diego chapters to support their efforts to develop a skilled, safe and sustainable workforce. TCEF also contributed to the ACE Mentor Program, the ABC Construction Management Competition and National Craft Championships and suicide prevention training across the country.

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