



Building Trades, Construction Career Development - ROP
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Santa Rosa Junior College
December 2, 2010, Noon – 2:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Patricia A. Biagi, SCOE/ROP; Stephen Jackson, SCOE/ROP; Henry Jourdain, EAHS; Gene Karas, PCSD; Kimberly Messina, Dean, SRJC; Eve Nighswonger, SRJC; Andrea Noble, RGM Associates; John Novak, EMHS; Gary Pasqualetti, Dept. Chair, SRJC; Chuck Robbins, SRJC; Debra Sands-Miller, Grant Coord., SRJC; Debra Sweitzer, SRJC Construction Mgmt.; Jay Tru, J.M.A.; Mitch Utsey, CHS

Members Unable to Attend:

Frederick Alexander, Christopherson Homes; Robin Bartholo, Workforce Development Director, NCBE; John Bly, Western Water Construction; Charlie Carson, Home builders Assn.; Frank Cuneo, Welders Union; Ron Desideri, PHS; Hallie Fraser, Green Building Coordinator, NCBE; Gary Pugh, Alternative Building Concepts, Inc.; Tami Mobley, Brelje & Race; Jeff Prevost, Locton; Kevin Rowe, AGC; Ron Scroggins, RLS Fire Protection; George Steffanson, Operating Engineers Apprenticeship Program; Brian Wheeler, Baker Construction Co.; Jean Wilson, Rivendale H & B Assn.; Mitch Utsey, SRCS

Agenda:

▪ **Introductions**

- Introductions were made and participants were acknowledged for their participation.

▪ **Sonoma County Outlook**

- Employment in the Construction industry sector is projected to recover and return to former growth levels, approximately +1.3 million jobs through 2018.¹
- California estimates 4,000+ openings through the same time period.² While openings are (9.1%) versus last year, opening are up +.3% or 1,400 versus a month ago.³
- Locally, Sonoma County is still experiencing a decline in permits and construction starts.⁴
- Industry feedback indicated the current climate is not as poor as 2009. In 2010, the sector is depressed, but not suicidal. While margins are down, they are better than a year ago.

¹ Employment Projections Program, U.S. Dept. of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. <http://data.bls.gov>, 09/13/10.

² Career OneStop. www.acenet.org, 09/13/10.

³ Ibid.

⁴ The Business Cycle Turns Up: A Path of Recovery for Sonoma County, prepared for Sonoma County Economic Development Board. Moody's Analytics, June 2010.

- **Courses Outlines and Certificates**
 - Industry members were asked to provide feedback on the previously distributed course outlines: Construction Technology, Advanced Construction Technology, Cabinetry, Construction Technology, and Adv. Construction Technology. Feedback was requested and emailed to Patricia Biagi at pbiagi@scoe.org.
- **SRJC Updates:**
 - Grant funding continues to be used for curricular work. The faculty position for the Construction Management/Green program was not approved, as only retiree positions (versus new) are being backfilled. With budget constraints, the array of course offerings has decreased; however the new Construction Management transfer program and the Building Performance certificate will move forward with new offerings in Building Codes, Residential and Commercial Blueprint Reading, Introduction to Construction Management, and Applied Technology. The certificate program is in limbo exploring merging new courses for the transfer program.
 - Courses for the new Building Performance Certificate will commence spring 2011. The focus will be on home energy initially. While mostly theoretical, the commercial auditing course is more sophisticated with math and engineering components.
 - SRJC course outlines for Blueprint Reading and Construction Graphics, Introduction to Construction Management, Materials and Methods of Construction 1 & 2 and Labs, How Building Work, Energy and Building Performance, and OSHA-10 were reviewed.
 - A matrix was reviewed comparing SRJC's proposed transfer requirements for Construction Management to Sacramento, Fresno, and Chico State Universities and Cal Poly SLO. Cal Poly's program is more engineering-oriented; but, the other three state schools are comparable.
- **High School Updates**
 - The Construction Technology courses at the high school level are adopting the National Center for Construction, Education, and Research Center's (NCCER) curriculum. First course students will study a core, followed by modular units in the intermediate and advanced levels that result in certificates upon successfully passing the exam. This program will roll-out in the fall 2011.

The Advisory Committee Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.