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## All U.S. Construction Lodge Business Managers

RE: Implementation of Article 3(b), Tank Builder Qualifications, of the  
National Transient Division (NTD) Articles of Agreement

Dear Sir and Brother:

The most recent negotiations related to the National Transient Division (NTD) Articles of Agreement (NTD Agreement) included revisions to several Articles in the Agreement. All revisions have been implemented with the exception of those to Article 3(b).

Development of tank builder theory exams and related study material, tank builder scaffold training, and tank builder confined space training required appointment of a sub-committee whose duties included developing tests and training which will be utilized by the Local Lodge to verify tank building skills of their local boilermaker referral applicants.

The NTD Agreement pursuant to Article 3(b), requires local boilermakers performing work other than maintenance and repair work or any maintenance and repair work requiring the skills necessary for tank erection in accordance with manning provisions of Articles 2(a), 2(b), and Addendum D Rule 6, shall be referred from the out-of-work list in accordance with the referral procedure of applicable local or area agreements. Local men, when referred, shall be qualified construction boilermakers with tank building qualifications as listed below: When the primary and secondary lists are exhausted of qualified construction boilermakers with tank building qualifications, the Contractor shall be entitled to one hundred percent (100%) selectivity from among applicants registered on the Local Travelers Pool with tank building qualifications as listed below:

### **Tank Builder Qualifications:**

Qualified construction boilermaker, as defined in Section 6.1.1 of the Uniform Referral Standards and Joint Referral Rules, meeting the established requirements for the primary or secondary referral lists and meeting the following mandatory requirements:

- 1) Certified in MIG or FCAW and SMAW plate welding passing a tank specific all position weld test administered by Common Arc or a Boilermaker signatory Contractor, or certified in tank building passing the standardized tank building theory exam with a seventy percent (70%) passing grade.

- 2) Must have satisfactorily completed the standardized tank builder scaffold training.
- 3) Must have satisfactorily completed the standardized tank builder confined space training.

Qualified construction boilermakers with two thousand (2,000) verifiable hours in the field tank building industry shall be considered as meeting the qualifications for items 1 through 3 above.

For the purpose of the NTD Agreement, national transient boilermakers are defined as boilermakers hired directly by the Contractor, and local boilermakers are defined as boilermakers hired from the out-of-work list in accordance with referral procedures of the applicable local or area agreement.

Referenced tank builder training and testing used to verify qualifications have been finalized by the sub-committee. Tank builder theory exams and related study material, tank builder scaffold training, and tank builder confined space training are provided on the enclosed computer disc.

All referral applicants currently listed as having tank builder skills on the MOST Boilermaker Delivery System (MBDS) will have that skill cleared from their MBDS dashboard effective June 1, 2015. Applicants can re-establish the tank building qualification on their MBDS dashboard by verifying or completing one of the following:

- 1) Letter from a contractor verifying 2,000 hours tank building experience.
- 2) Pension statement indicating 2,000 hours work with a NTD contractor or any other proof verifying tank work experience.
- 3) Complete the related studies under Tank Builder Qualification above.

U.S. Construction Lodges will be administering the required testing and training. Once referral applicants meet requirements of Article 3(b) by completing testing and training at the local lodge, the tank builder skill can be added to their respective MBDS dashboard.

Please feel free to contact Kyle Evenson or Mark Vandiver with any related questions.

Fraternally yours,



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