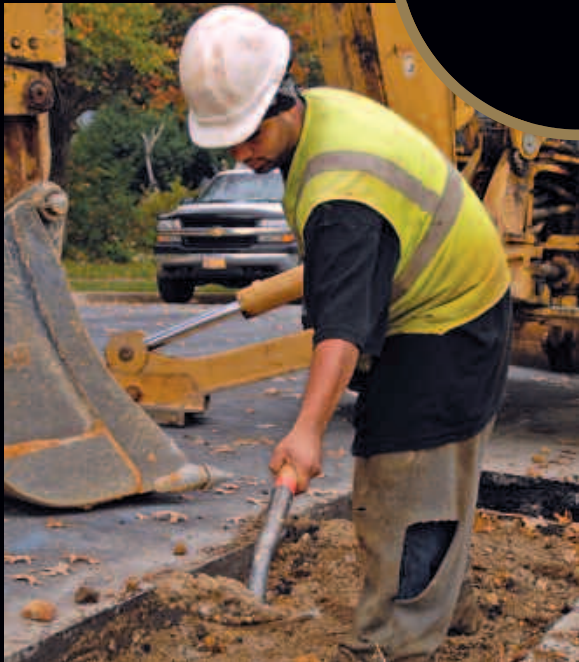


OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Developed and aired radio and television commercials promoting Laborers and their signatory contractors.
- Conducted a survey of concrete work throughout the Northwest Region to assess union sector market share.
- Represented Laborers and contractors in several business and community coalitions.

PHOTO BY JEREMY GREEN



NORTHWEST COOPERATION FUND

Northwest Cooperation Fund Services Signatory Contractor Needs

The Northwest Cooperation Fund worked with Laborers' District Councils and Local Unions to communicate regularly with signatory contractors, and to identify and meet their workforce and training needs. Utilizing a database of more than 2400 signatory contractors and subcontractors throughout the Laborers' Northwest Region, the Northwest Cooperation Fund regularly checks in with signatory contractors, talks to them about their current and future plans, and connects them with services available from Laborers' District Councils, Local Unions, and training funds. The affiliate also uses the database to distribute newsletters, e-mails, and other materials, and to match contractors with qualified subcontractors.

When the Northwest Cooperation Fund learned that a signatory contractor needed workforce training for an upcoming pipeline project in Wyoming and Montana, the Fund worked with the Northwest Laborers' Training Trust Fund to provide the needed training. When signatory general contractors working on heavy and highway construction projects in and around Reno, Nevada needed traffic control services, the Northwest Cooperation Fund used the database to connect them with signatory traffic control subcontractors.

At the end of 2007, every Laborers' District Council in the Laborers' Northwest Region had access to the contractor database, and several were using it regularly to look up contractors, check their signatory status, and determine to which agreements the contractors were signed. In 2008, the Northwest Cooperation Fund plans to expand access to the database to Local Unions throughout the Region.

NORTHWEST COOPERATION FUND

12201 Tukwila International Blvd., Suite 145
Seattle, WA 98168
(206) 728-1282
www.nwlecet.org