



Southwest LECET

Southwest LECET (SW LECET) serves Laborers and signatory contractors throughout the Southwest Laborers' District Council, which includes the states of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Southwest LECET Joins Coalition to Fight Budget Busting Ballot Measure

In 2010, SW LECET worked with business groups and community organizations to defeat a ballot measure that threatened to gut the state's transportation budget and other vital programs. As a member of the Steering Committee of the One Oklahoma Coalition, the fund took a leadership role in opposing State Question 744, an unfunded education mandate that would have siphoned money from road, bridge, and other public works projects.

SW LECET's involvement with the Coalition enabled it to build relationships with organizations representing a wide range of contractors, owners, and users of construction services. Coalition members included the Association of Oklahoma General Contractors, the Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Association, the Oklahoma State Chamber of Commerce, several local chambers of commerce, and several professional associations. The fund brought a valuable labor-management voice to the Coalition, and enabled the Coalition to get its message out to Laborers and their families throughout the state.

SW LECET demonstrated the willingness of Oklahoma Laborers to stand together with their employers and other business leaders on an issue of mutual concern. The fund now plans to use the relationships and good will it built to promote Laborers and their signatory contractors to business leaders throughout the state.

Photos this page: Southwest LECET meets the local hire and workforce needs of signatory contractors with its Recruit, Train, and Employ (RTE) program, which recruited and trained these Laborers. PHOTOS COURTESY SOUTHWEST LECET.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Provided project tracking data and alerts to Laborers' Local Unions and their signatory contractors.
- Hosted the Sixth Annual Labor Solutions Meeting to showcase the services of LIUNA and the Tri-Funds to elected officials and to both union and non-union contractors.
- Represented Laborers and contractors before elected officials on a wide range of market-related issues.
- Joined the American Wind Energy Association to build relationships and increase market share in the wind energy sector.



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