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CAF BUILD

BUILDING UP INDUSTRY
LEADERS & DEVELOPMENT

A LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BY THE
CONSTRUCTION ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION

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CONNECT.
DEVELOP.
LEAD.

WHAT IS CAF BUILD?

Construction Advancement Foundation Building Up Industry Leaders & Development (CAF BUILD) is a leadership development program designed to prepare the next generation of leaders in Northwest Indiana's construction industry.

Offered exclusively to CAF contributing contractors, CAF BUILD provides emerging leaders with a broader understanding of the construction industry, the organizations and issues that shape it, and the leadership skills needed to succeed within it.

Through interactive programming, participants will develop both technical and interpersonal leadership skills while building meaningful relationships with fellow participants and established leaders from construction, business, economic development, workforce development, and other sectors throughout Northwest Indiana.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE

Gain a deeper understanding of the construction industry and the organizations that support it.



LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Develop technical and interpersonal skills to help you grow in your career.



INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Build relationships with fellow participants and Northwest Indiana leaders across business, economic development, workforce development, and more.



REAL-WORLD INSIGHTS

Learn from industry experts on the key issues shaping the future of construction in Northwest Indiana.

PROGRAM TOPICS INCLUDE

- ✓ Understanding the Northwest Indiana Construction Industry
- ✓ Construction Workforce Development
- ✓ Legislative Advocacy
- ✓ Labor-Management Relations
- ✓ Economic Development and Regional Planning
- ✓ Construction Health and Safety

**Content above is not listed in the order classes will be taught.*



6 MODULES

Classes begin November 2026 and run through May 2027.



15 SPOTS

Applications will be reviewed by the CAF BUILD Leadership Development Committee.



\$750

Per participant. Fee includes programming, materials, and food/beverage.



GRADUATES

Will be recognized during the CAF & NWIBRT Award Banquet in May 2027.



APPLICATION DEADLINE November 1, 2026.

Only completed applications will be accepted.
Applications submitted after the deadline will NOT be accepted.



SUBMIT APPLICATION

By email:

Send application to
Tabitha Refbord at tabitha@cafwin.org



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