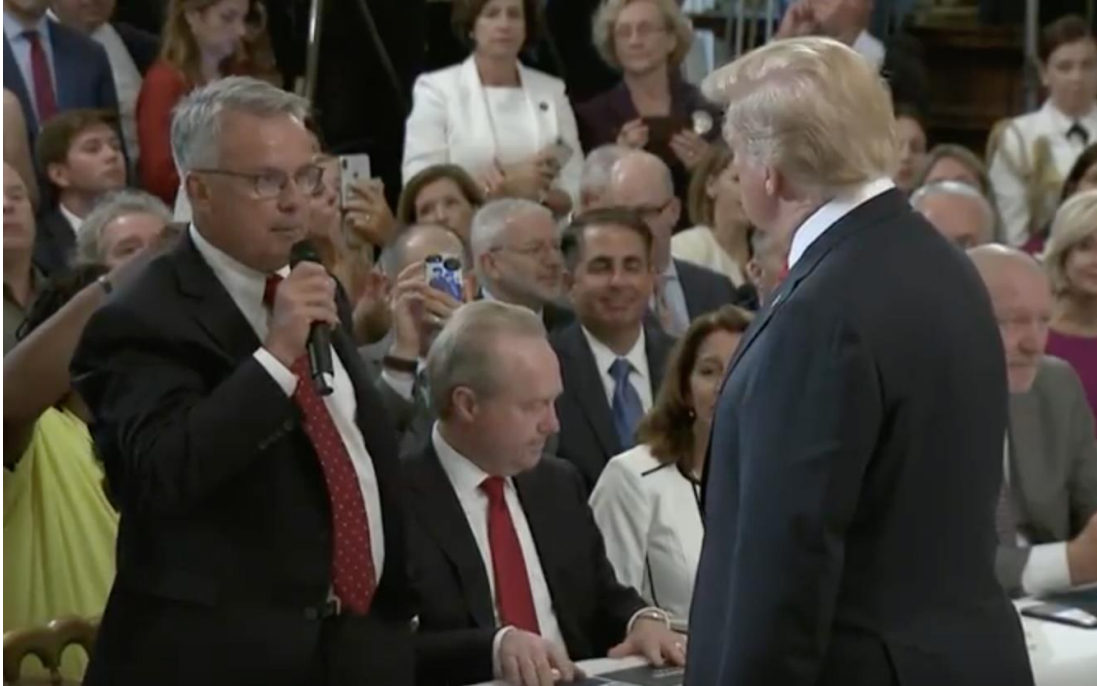


SWACCA Participates in White House Workforce Training Event *Organization Pledges to Support Advanced Training for 50,000 Workers*



SWACCA Board Member Tom Clerkin Speaking to President Trump

Washington, D.C. (July 20, 2018) — Yesterday, leadership of the [Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance](#) (SWACCA) joined other national trade associations at the White House for a Presidential event on workforce training. As part of the event, SWACCA pledged that it would **provide at least 50,000 people high-quality career training opportunities over the next five years** through the joint labor-management training programs that SWACCA members help to fund with their union partners. This pledge was part of today's announcement by the President to provide pathways to better careers for 500,000 Americans.

“We appreciate the priority that the President and Secretary of Labor Acosta are placing on expanding the benefits of privately-funded, high-quality apprenticeship programs and skills training beyond the unionized construction industry,” said **SWACCA President, Matt Townsend**. “These efforts are critical to ensuring America has the workforce it needs and that our young people and veterans have the opportunities they deserve. SWACCA’s member companies are committed to the high-quality, registered apprenticeship programs and advanced journeyman training conducted through joint labor-management programs. These programs enable our members to deliver the highest quality services to our customers and empower our workforce to develop careers in commercial construction that offer good pay, benefits, and upward mobility.”

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SWACCA was represented at the White House event by SWACCA Board Member **Tom Clerkin**, President of Ceilings, Incorporated of Norristown, PA and **Ricky Estis**, a Carpenters Apprentice from Toledo, OH, employed by OCP Contractors (a SWACCA-member company).

[The Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance \(SWACCA\)](#) is a national organization of union wall and ceiling contractors committed to working in partnership with our workforce to provide the highest-quality, most efficient construction services possible to our customers. SWACCA prides itself on representing companies that fully embrace their commitment to their customers and their employees. This commitment is seen in our financial and professional investment in our privately-funded, joint-labor management training programs with our union partners.

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