



# Springfield Rail Improvements Project Workforce Diversity & Job Development

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1) How much of the construction work has been completed by minority workers?**

Approximately 25% of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project construction work completed to date has been performed by minority workers. This is about 21% above the federal requirement of 4.5% minority participation.

### **2) What additional efforts have been made to increase minority participation?**

Additional efforts to increase minority participation include:

- Approximately 6,000 trainee hours assigned to the Carpenter Street Underpass project by IDOT;
- Creation of the Grow Our Own program (*learn more at [www.growourown.net](http://www.growourown.net)*);
- Norfolk Southern Railroad reviewing local workforce participation for their track work;
- Development of summer internships for minorities at Hanson Professional Services' Springfield office; and
- Hiring of a local Minority Liaison (*see back page for contact information*).

### **3) Where can I find an up-to-date minority hiring report for the project?**

The project's minority hiring report is updated monthly and can be found at [www.springfieldrailroad.com](http://www.springfieldrailroad.com) on the resource center page. This report also provides the types of jobs required, and the number of workers needed to complete the job.

### **4) Where can I find job opportunities with the contractors working on the Springfield Rail Improvements Project?**

Hiring of contractors is led by IDOT and contractors working on the project may change as each underpass or segment of the project is completed. Each of the remaining underpasses will have similar job opportunities. The contractors currently working on the Carpenter Street Underpass include:

- Halverson Construction Co., Inc., 620 N. 19th St., Springfield, IL 62702, (217) 753-0027
- Bodine Electric of Decatur, 1845 N. 22nd St., Decatur, IL 62525, (217) 423-2593
- Illini Drilled Foundations, Inc., P.O. Box 1351 Danville, IL 61834, (217) 442-8765
- Mid-State Steel Co., Inc., 914 S. Johanson Road, Peoria, IL 61607, (309) 839-2180
- MTC Construction Inc., 17829 Edison Ave., Chesterfield, MO 63005, (314) 892-2963
- Petersburg Plumbing & Excavating LLC., 3550 Great Northern Ave., Springfield, IL 62711, (217) 632-2221

### **5) Who should I talk to about getting hired for a job?**

The individual contractors and unions can better discuss training requirements, job openings, and any plans to increase hiring goals (*see back for union contacts*).

### **6) Where can I learn more or speak to someone about DBE minority hiring and/or workforce diversity?**

You can learn more or speak to a public involvement team member at the project resource center. The center is located in the City of Springfield's Office of Community Relations at 1450 Groth Street. The resource center is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The resource center can be contacted by phone at 217-391-1558 or email at [resourcecenter@springfieldrailroad.com](mailto:resourcecenter@springfieldrailroad.com).

## Unions and Apprentices Programs

### **Bricklayer & Allied Craftworker Local 8**

Marc Landers, Field Representative  
3100 South 11th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-747-0289  
www.bacweb.org

### **Carpenters Local 270**

Rob Swegle, Director/Apprenticeship  
Coordinator  
904 Breckman Drive  
Pekin, IL 61554  
309-360-2922  
www.mcircc-jatc.com

### **International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 193**

Jim Tomasko, Training Coordinator  
3150 Wide Track Drive  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-544-3479 ext. 229  
www.ibew193.com

### **Iron Workers Local 46**

Shane Austin  
2888 East Cook St.  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-528-4041  
www.ironworkers46.org

### **Laborer Local 477**

Brad Schaive, Business Manager  
1615 N. Dirksen Parkway  
Springfield, IL 62702  
217-522-0014  
www.liuna.org

### **Millwright Local 1051**

Rob Swegle, Director/Apprenticeship  
Coordinator  
904 Breckman Drive  
Pekin, IL 61554  
309-360-2922  
www.millwrightlocal1051.com

### **Operating Engineer**

Dennis Minick, Training Coordinator  
3520 East Cook St.  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-528-9659  
www.iuoe965.org

### **Operative Plasters and Cement**

#### **Masons Local 18**

Mark Hitzner, Training Coordinator  
40 Adloff Lane #6A  
Springfield, IL 62703  
309-266-5151 or 217-585-4221  
www.opcmia.org

### **Plumber and Steamfitter Local 137**

John Haines, Business Agent  
2880 E. Cook St.  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-544-2724  
www.ua137.org

### **Sheet Metal Workers Local 218**

Tim Riva or Ed Robinson  
Training Manager/Business Manager  
2855 Via Verde Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-529-0161  
www.smart218.org

### **Teamsters Local 916**

Dave Robinson, Business Agent  
3361 Teamster Way  
Springfield, IL 62707  
217-522-7932  
www.teamsters916.org

## Online Resources

### **IDOT Construction Careers Training Program**

[www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/specialized-training/highway-construction-careers-training-program](http://www.idot.illinois.gov/about-idot/employment-opportunities/specialized-training/highway-construction-careers-training-program)

### **Lincoln Land Community College - Workforce Development**

[www.llcc.edu/career-training/workforce](http://www.llcc.edu/career-training/workforce)

## Contact Information

If you are interested in being included on an email and/or mailing list to receive updates about the Springfield Rail Improvements Project, or if you have questions or comments regarding job development, please contact:

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