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Summit Academy OIC host Expo: Educating women in training and construction opportunities



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Summit Academy OIC, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit educational and vocational center, is hosting a *Women in Construction Super Expo* on Tuesday, June 21 to educate women about training and construction opportunities that currently exist in the field. Summit offers 20-week programs that include hands-on training and job placement assistance for individuals who complete the program.

“Our partners in the construction industry have told us that they want to hire women but that they can’t find female workers that possess the skills they need to do the job,” said Louis King, president and CEO of Summit Academy OIC. “We want to fill that need and also provide opportunities for these women to develop a career that will last a lifetime.”

Attendees at the June 21 event will participate in interactive demonstrations, network with industry professionals and speak with representatives from high-profile construction projects in the Twin Cities including the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project, FBI Building, Whipple Building and more. Participants also will hear from women currently in the field.

“While the industry has long been dominated by men, the new reality is that organizations are seeking female workers to be competitive as well as meet their hiring goals with a multi-gendered workforce,” King said. “By providing women with the tools they need to be highly skilled employees, we will make a direct impact on the new face of construction.”

The Women in Construction Super Expo, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Summit Academy OIC, 935 Olson Memorial Highway, Mpls. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 612.377.0150 or visit www.saoic.org.

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