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## SUMMIT ACADEMY OIC HOSTS CONSTRUCTION SKILLS EXPO

*November 10 Event to Inform Local Women and Minorities About Training Opportunities Integral to Working on the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project*

**MINNEAPOLIS** (November 2, 2010) Summit Academy OIC is hosting a Construction Skills Expo to inform community residents about the training available in conjunction with upcoming job opportunities on the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project. Summit Academy OIC is a Minneapolis-based nonprofit educational and vocational center that teaches individuals from economically depressed neighborhoods in the Twin Cities to become educated, employed, contributing members of the community.

"We believe that the best social service project is a living wage job and we want to do all we can to provide the tools necessary to make that dream a reality," said Louis King, CEO of Summit Academy OIC. "The Central Corridor Light Rail Transit Project as well as several other construction projects planned for Minneapolis and St. Paul provide a perfect opportunity for community residents to learn a new skill in 20 weeks and have an opportunity to participate in the building of this infrastructure."

The November 10 event will include demonstrations by union representatives and informational discussions about specialty training offered by Summit including Heavy Equipment Operator, Cement Mason, Electrician and Carpentry. In addition to receiving training, students at Summit

receive help with job placement, transportation assistance, union-supported training and financial aid.

The Construction Skills Expo is free and open to the public. For more information call 612.377.0150 or visit [www.saoic.org](http://www.saoic.org).

### **Construction Skills Exp**

**What:** Construction Skills Exp  
**Time:** 10 a.m. - Noon  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 10, 2010  
**Location:** Summit Academy OIC, 935 Olson Memorial Highway, Mpls., MN 55405  
**Phone:** 612.377.0150  
**Details:** Free and open to the public

### **About Summit Academy OIC**

Summit Academy OIC (SAOIC) is a nonprofit educational and vocational training center that empowers adults residing in the most economically depressed neighborhoods in the Twin Cities to become educated, employed, contributing members of the community. Focused on high-demand, high-growth industries, Summit's results-oriented programs effect long-term change. Summit graduates are skilled and motivated workers who can stop drawing public assistance and start caring for their families, paying taxes and helping to stabilize and vitalize their communities. For more information, visit [www.saoic.org](http://www.saoic.org).

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