A Focused Message for the 2008 Indiana General Assembly

Indiana’s union sheet metal industry makes its case with a “Facts and Figures” campaign of printed cards and associated websites.

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Section 3.(a) The school air quality panel is established to assist the state department of health in carrying out this chapter.

(b) The panel consists of the following members:

1. A representative of the state department of health.
2. A representative of the department of education.
3. A member of the governing body of a school corporation, appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.
4. A representative of the school employee organization (as defined in IC 20-7.5-1-2) that has the greatest number of members in Indiana, appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.
5. A representative of a statewide parent organization, appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction.
6. A physician who has experience in indoor air quality issues, appointed by the commissioner of the state department of health.
7. An individual with training and experience in occupational safety and health, appointed by the commissioner of the department of labor.
8. A mechanical engineer with experience in building ventilation system design, appointed by the governor.
9. A building contractor with experience in air flow systems who is a member of a national association that specializes in air flow systems, appointed by the governor.
10. A member of a labor organization whose members install, service, evaluate, and balance heating, ventilation, and air conditioning equipment, appointed by the governor.

(c) The state department of health shall provide administrative support for the panel.

(d) The panel shall:

1. Identify and make available to schools best operating practices for indoor air quality in schools; and
2. Assist the state department of health in developing plans to improve air quality conditions found in inspections under section 2 of this chapter.
THINGS CHANGED
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Synopsis: Indoor air quality. Expands the program providing for indoor air quality inspections in schools to include state agencies. Specifies certain qualifications for persons conducting indoor air quality inspection programs. Provides that a representative from the department of administration shall serve on the air quality panel. Provides a 10% procurement price preference to Indiana businesses that offer to conduct indoor air quality inspection and evaluation programs.

Effective: July 1, 2008.
IAQ Competency Requirements
HOUSE BILL No. 1185

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SECTION 4. (a) An individual conducting an indoor air quality test under this chapter must be:
(1) a professional engineer (as defined in IC 25-31-1-2);
(2) an industrial hygienist; or
(3) a supervisor or technician certified by a national organization that:
   (A) writes and adheres to standards for:
      (i) testing, adjusting, and balancing of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
      equipment or exhaust systems; and
      (ii) indoor air quality testing procedures and requirements; and
   (B) certifies supervisors and technicians to perform:
      (i) testing, adjusting, and balancing of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
      equipment or exhaust systems; and
      (ii) indoor air quality testing procedures and requirements.

SECTION 4 (b) The report of a test conducted under this chapter must be certified by the person conducting the test. If the person uses a professional seal on documents, the certification must include the person’s seal.
SMW Local 20 commissioned original photography of mammoth projects during the 2007 construction season.

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2007 construction season
Fabrication in East Chicago
Project labor agreements

What is it? The project labor agreement (PLA) has come into vogue in recent years for large construction projects. A PLA typically:
- Requires local workers.
- Supersedes collective bargaining agreements.
- Requires diversity.
- Establishes wages and work rules.

Value. Ever wonder why the big guys – think Toyota and Honda – are opting for PLAs on their massive new projects here? Truth is, PLAs actually save money.

Yes, workers do get paid more. Why?
- Better training = better productivity.

Flow. A PLA guarantees a continuous flow of work:
- No jurisdictional disputes.
- No strikes or stoppages.
- Scalability – A trained work force that can show up in numbers.

Non-exclusive. PLAs do not exclude non-union contractors, but these contractors often refuse to participate due to the awkward recognition among their workers that higher pay is available for high-skill jobs.

The bottom line. A substantial body of research indicates that PLAs are effective tools for bringing large and complex projects in on time and on budget, safely and with no additional expense.

Talking points are brief and to the point.
Each photograph is nicely matched to the message on the back of the card. This one is about indoor air quality.

BRIGHT Sheet Metal Co., Inc., Indianapolis, IN
Indiana’s union sheet metal industry is taking the legislative lead on indoor air quality. This issue has been the subject of a multi-year campaign.

Indiana can do better. Indiana’s union sheet metal industry has some suggestions about improving the air we breathe in our public buildings. We are working diligently in the Indiana General Assembly to improve statutes on this issue.

Certification for inspectors. The people who conduct indoor air quality inspections in Indiana are largely unregulated.

We recommend certification for inspectors, to ensure they are competent and that they are who they say they are.

Preventing sick-building syndrome. All of our taxpayer-supported buildings, and not just public schools, should be free of sick-building syndrome. Lack of indoor air quality should not cause ailments among building users in Indiana.

The bottom line. Ask any union sheet metal apprentice who is taking classes in testing and balancing of HVAC systems: There is a substantial body of knowledge regarding best operating practices for indoor air quality.

Shouldn’t we in Indiana be requiring best practices for the air we breathe in our public buildings? This is just good public policy, pure and simple.

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Local 20’s stock-quality photographs are key to the campaign’s visual impact.

CROWN CORR, Inc., Gary, Indiana
The printed cards and the associated website, indianafacts.com, convey a consistent and powerful message.
The “Facts and Figures” campaign emphasizes the mammoth scale of projects under way.

2007 construction season
The new Indianapolis airport
Cards are printed in advance in full color. The message space is left blank.

Only later are the talking points added for each individual card.

This allows the message to flex as needed during the legislative session.
Indiana’s union sheet metal industry takes the lead

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About us

Indiana's union sheet metal industry consists of contractors and workers together who have joined to do business in a sustainable, high-quality manner. We don't take shortcuts. We set the standard for excellence. Others follow.

Our member organizations are the Sheet Metal Contractors of Indiana and Sheet Metal Workers Local 20.

If you are interested in a career as a union sheet metal worker, please contact us at one of the phone numbers below or at info@indianatruestory.com.

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