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Elevator Constructors open a new training site

WHAT: Elevator Constructors Local 140 training center open house and education fair

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Feb. 18

PLEASE CALL TO ARRANGE PHOTO/VIDEO TOUR IF UNABLE TO ATTEND WEDNESDAY.

WHERE: International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 140, 1841 N. 24th St. Phoenix.

WHY: Elevators Constructors Local 140 knows the importance of a trained workforce. That's why they continue investing in equipment and classes to teach new workers and long-time professionals on the latest industry technology. Currently, 35 states require workers to be licensed elevator operators. And nearly all elevator installers and repairers learn through an apprenticeship.

The newly purchased 5,000 square-foot training center will hold equipment that enables elevator constructors to work on their safety, hoisting and rigging skills. They also will be able to take advantage of virtual labs to gain experience with elevator controls and to learn how to properly install, maintain and repair elevator equipment.

Elevator Constructors Local 140 has helped with installing, maintaining and repairing elevators in many big structures in Arizona including Phoenix Children's Hospital, University of Phoenix Stadium and Chase Field.

Employment of elevator installers and repairers is projected to grow 25 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations according the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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