

What are the benefits of working for a union mechanical contractor?



Because union mechanical contractors place a high value on good wages and benefits for the work force, tradesmen and managerial staff are highly motivated well trained employees. Everyone on the project team knows what is expected of them. Management and Labor work together as an effective cohesive team dedicated to getting the job done right.



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What is mechanical contracting?

In common usage, a mechanical contractor can be a company or an individual. If someone asks, "Who was the mechanical contractor on that job?" the answer may be the name of the company that built and installed the plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration; in any building, these are called the "mechanical systems." On the other hand, if the owner, president or any general officer of that company is asked what he does for a living, he would properly respond, "I am a mechanical contractor." Many mechanical contractors both build and service mechanical systems, although some do only one or the other.

What are the benefits of being employed by a mechanical contractor?

Contractors who perform construction services and service plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration systems in Washington, DC are providing employment opportunities to qualified individuals as project managers and project engineers. The work is challenging and rewarding. As technology brings about change, mechanical contractors will continue to build, remodel and service sophisticated HVAC and Plumbing systems for many years to come.

What is the MCAMW and how does the Association help me with my co-op / internship?

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Metropolitan Washington is a membership organization of contractors who build and service plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration systems in Washington, DC and its Virginia and Maryland suburbs. MCAMW is affiliated with the Mechanical Contractors Association of America.

How does the MCAMW help mechanical contractors?

The MCAMW provides assistance to member contractors interested in hiring students who are eager to work in the mechanical contracting field. The MCAMW conducts educational seminars, conferences and conventions that keep member contractors up to date on the latest news and information affecting the Construction Industry. The MCAMW represents Management with labor issues that pertain to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Plumbers Local Union #5 and Steamfitters Local Union #602.

What are the typical responsibilities I would have when employed by a mechanical contractor?

Once employed by a mechanical contractor, students will find opportunities in project management by assisting others on the project team with problem solving, preparing progress schedules and budgets, reviewing and processing submittals, reading and writing correspondence, selecting materials and equipment, attending job site meetings, assisting with job coordination and engineering.

What is the difference between working for a mechanical contractor vs. a general contractor?

The major difference between a mechanical contractor and a general contractor is specialization. The mechanical contractor performs work on sophisticated HVAC and Plumbing systems. These installations require a work force which is well educated in math, science and engineering principles. The general contractor will hire or "subcontract" the portion of work to a specialized mechanical contractor in order to complete the work on time and under budget.

What is the difference between working for a mechanical contractor vs. a home builder?

The major difference between a mechanical contractor and a home builder is the level of complexity associated with the work to be performed. The mechanical contractor performs work which includes piping, plumbing and sheet metal work and associated equipment used in today's complex commercial and industrial HVAC, Plumbing and Building Automation systems. In order to complete these installations on time, the successful mechanical contractor will employ a talented work force capable of using the latest in information technology for scheduling, cost control and materials procurement. Many mechanical contractors assist the owner or user of construction through value engineering methods which lower cost and allow many large construction projects to move forward under budget.

Mechanical contractors install and service many types of systems which are not found in residential construction. Medical gas piping which is found in hospitals, laboratory gas piping which is found in research facilities, and process piping which is found in large industrial buildings provide for unique challenges to builders and their managers and tradesmen.

Why does the MCAMW represent union mechanical contractors?

Through a collaborative effort, the MCAMW and the two Washington, DC Pipe Trades Unions, Plumbers Local Union #5 and Steamfitters Local Union #602, have negotiated numerous agreements which ensure that tradesmen receive adequate wages and benefits without work stoppages and without prohibitive work practices.

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