

Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council Tribal Liaison Sub-Committee
January 2021 Report

Since the October apprenticeship council meeting our group was able to meet on two different occasions. Our first meeting the conversation focused on two topics:

- Discussion on the states apprenticeship program boilerplate- Questions were followed up after the meeting- Could there be recognition to Tribal Sovereignty? How that would take place- RCW/Policy committee as potential for the discussion to move forward, if that was the decision of the group?

- Tribe as an employer/Training agent-
This would be like any other training agent agreement. Would need to follow the standards and rules in the agreement like any other employer, Ratio- Scope of work, etc.

Our next meeting resembled more of an update meeting.

The Spokane Tribal Casino expansion project is in the works, 2 laborers and 4 operators currently working on the project. Hotel development is in the works.

Currently the Spokane TERO has:

- 1 Female Electrician apprentice
- 2 Female Carpenter apprentice
- 2 HVAC apprentices
- 3 Welders
- 3 Laborer apprentices
- 1 Plumber
- 44 Indian preference workers on the Midnight Mine

Participants in the TERO Elders Carpentry program

Melvin has a member who just graduated Tulalip Pre-Apprenticeship and is working as a Carpenter apprentice on the Police Station

Recruitment for TVTC is in place now- More information is available by contacting Lisa Telford- Reminder, this is open nationwide, to any Tribal Member, spouse, or child.

Last, we want to take the time to Honor Ronice Goforth. Her dedication to our committee, and to the Puyallup TERO have left long lasting impressions. It was with her passion, and leadership that this committee has been able to stand the testament of time, and truly see lives changing through registered apprenticeship. She was a mentor to many, certainly to me, and we are all forever grateful to have walked paths with her.