

# *Upper Peninsula Construction and Skilled Trades Regional Skills Alliance*

**Solving the Challenges of the Construction Industry through Collaboration**

## ***Mission Statement***

*To recruit the best and brightest into the construction industry by raising career awareness among parents, students and educators.*

## ***Background***

The development of a UP Construction Trades Regional Skills Alliance (RSA) came from concerns of the local building trades that 40% of their workforce is expected to retire by 2010. These concerns have been verified by the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth. According to its Bureau of Labor Market Information & Strategic Initiatives Annual Planning Report, the Construction Industry is one of the top ten industries in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Labor forecasts from this report project an 8.4% growth rate through 2012. Construction and repair will have a total of 408 openings between 2002-2012, with 118 as new and 291 as replacement.

**The UP Construction Trades Regional Skills Alliance is forging partnerships and activities to:**

- build the workforce pipeline to meet the construction trades industry needs,
- build skill capacity to ensure a competitive workforce and
- develop solutions to industry specific challenges.

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