

# Developing a High-Performance Diverse Contractor Workforce

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#### **EGIA BUSINESS FOCUS**









- Contractor, Distributor, Manufacturer Business Optimization Training
- Comprehensive Online Learning Library, LMS, Marquee Industry Events & Onsite Training
- Preferred Training Platform for Leading OEM's and Major Distributors

- Industry Leading
   Financing Making Energy
   Efficiency & Electrification
   Installations Affordable
- \$9 Billion Financed with Nearly 10,000 Companies Approved
- Comprehensive Sales Training

- Utility & Government Energy & Water Efficiency Program Administration
- Trade Ally Network Management
- Finance Program Implementation
- Contractor Training and Workforce Development

- Bridging the HVAC Employment Gap
- Drive More Youth, Woman and Minorities Into Trades
- Build Diverse Workforce
- Increase Perception of the Value of a Career in HVAC



## **EGIA Foundation Strategic Goals**

#### www.EGIAFoundation.org







#### **Current State of HVAC Workforce**

#### We all know there is a HVAC skilled labor shortage

- Current shortage of 110,000 HVAC Technicians
- 25,000+ HVAC Technicians are retiring or otherwise leaving the industry each year
- Within 5 years it is estimated there will be approximately 1.8 Technician jobs available for every job applicant.



But that's only the beginning of the industry's workforce challenge



## Additional Factors Impacting the Workforce?

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 funding will create significant demand for skilled workers

- \$8.8B in electrification rebates.
  - Approx. 70% of funds targeted to lowand moderate-income families and disadvantaged communities
- \$260M available for workforce development programs.
  - Focus on developing diversity, equity and inclusion within the HVAC industry.





## Additional Factors Impacting the Workforce?

Significant additional investment in utility funded and statewide electrification programs is driving demand for skilled workers:

- NYS Clean Heat Program.
  - \$454M statewide heat pump program.
  - Identified the need for an additional 14,000 skilled workers in NY.
- Tech Clean CA.
  - Goal to install 6M heat pumps in CA by 2030.
  - Targets 50% of funding to "equity communities".







#### Workforce Diversity Focus in Most Government & Utility Funded Programs

 Increasing diversity in the contractor community and workforce supporting clean energy and energy efficiency is a key goal of the Biden administration's Justice40 initiative.

 A diverse, well trained, and motivated contractor network that is representative of the communities they serve is an essential element required to achieve these goals.



#### THE JUSTICE40 INITIATIVE

Created under the Biden-Harris Administration, Justice40 establishes the goal that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities (DACs).

Follow The Money: Grants, Incentives, Rebates, Training & Education Focus



## **How Can We Support the Industry?**

Increase clean energy enterprise creation and contracting for minority or disadvantaged businesses in disadvantaged communities.

- Support the creation of businesses and their workforce who reflect the community that they serve.
- Design targeted marketing and outreach plans to increase minority and disadvantaged student awareness and enrollment.
- Develop partnerships with disadvantaged communities to increase engagement and open new pathways to recruiting students.





### Developing a High-Performance Diverse Contractor Workforce

 There are many excellent programs focused on training individuals to be part of expected electrification transition.

 The EGIA Foundation has built a program roadmap to mentor and teach contracting business owners to build successful, sustainable businesses that serve their communities while providing lucrative career opportunities.





#### What's Your Diversity Recruitment Strategy?

- How are trade schools attracting greater student diversity? What are the current industry best practices in recruitment?
- What are the most effective ways to bring together trade school educators, students and employers?
- What are the best ways trade schools and contractors can work together to create an effective recruitment and job placement pipeline for students and job applicants pipeline? (mentoring, internships, job-shadowing, ride-along etc.)





#### **Recruitment Toolkit**

Recruitment Tool kit currently under development by the U.S Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development and BPI with a grant from the Pacific Northwest National Lab (PNNL) and DOE



This Toolkit was created to serve all players in the energy efficiency, home performance, HVAC, and heat pump ecosystem, from contractors who are looking to grow their team of technicians to OEM's who are looking to recruit technicians to educational institutions who are looking to recruit trainees / new entrants in the industry. The Toolkit is packed with off-the-shelf materials you can use and customize for your recruitment efforts as well as tactical tips.



### **Recruitment Toolkit – Consistent Messaging**

Use these key messages for the best recruiting outcomes. These key messages were identified from market research data and interactions with potential students, employees and an advisory council.

Key Message To Use	Explanation About Key Messages
Your Career Starts Now	For those that want a solid career progression for professional growth
Be a Company Hero	People who like to help others feel rewarded by helping people who are harmed by high energy bills, poor indoor air quality, and poorly conditioned homes.
Build a Clean Energy Future	Helps people who care about the environment understand how this career path can help end fossil fuel use, reduce pollution, and limit climate change.
Work Beyond the Cubicle	For people who prefer to be physically active, have lots of social interaction, frequently change work locations, and have a mix of physical and mental tasks at work.



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Earn Money	Shows that these careers can offer a quick, low-cost route to earning, with good prospects for long-term financial stability
Use The Latest Technology	For those who like to learn and solve problems, using data and technology to solve real world problems makes work engaging and rewarding.
Make Homes Comfortable, Efficient and Healthy	Focuses on the building/construction aspect of making a difference, for those who are distressed by poor quality and like to see things done right

To Review the Draft Recruitment Toolkit and Provide Comments Go To:

https://bit.ly/recruiting-toolkit



### **Maximizing Student Competitiveness**



- Include basic business education as part of technical education programs to prepare workers for long term career success.
  - Online business courses can supplement hands-on technical education.
- Understanding basic business principles creates more effective employees at all career stages.
- Provide skills to start students on the path to continual career growth within the HVAC trade.



#### How Can We Make Grads More Competitive and Day-One Ready?

#### **Contractor University Training Supplement?**

- HVAC Contractors hire based on technical capability, work experience and cultural fit. <u>To be fully competitive, new hires</u> need to check ALL the boxes.
- EGIA Contractor University is proposing to work with HVAC Excellence and technical schools to develop an optimized subset of online CU courses most relevant to expanded student education, industry knowledge and best practices in business operations
- Delivered through EGIA's LMS that includes quizzes, online administrative dashboard for instructor oversite and completion certificates for successful completion of course work.
- This program will be delivered free to technical schools and students as a service provided by the EGIA Foundation.

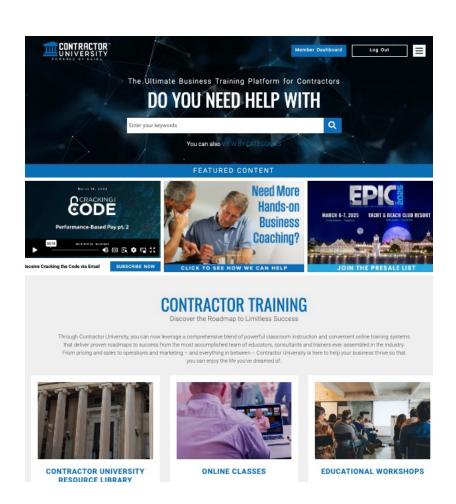




### Contractor University – Business Training to Complement Technical

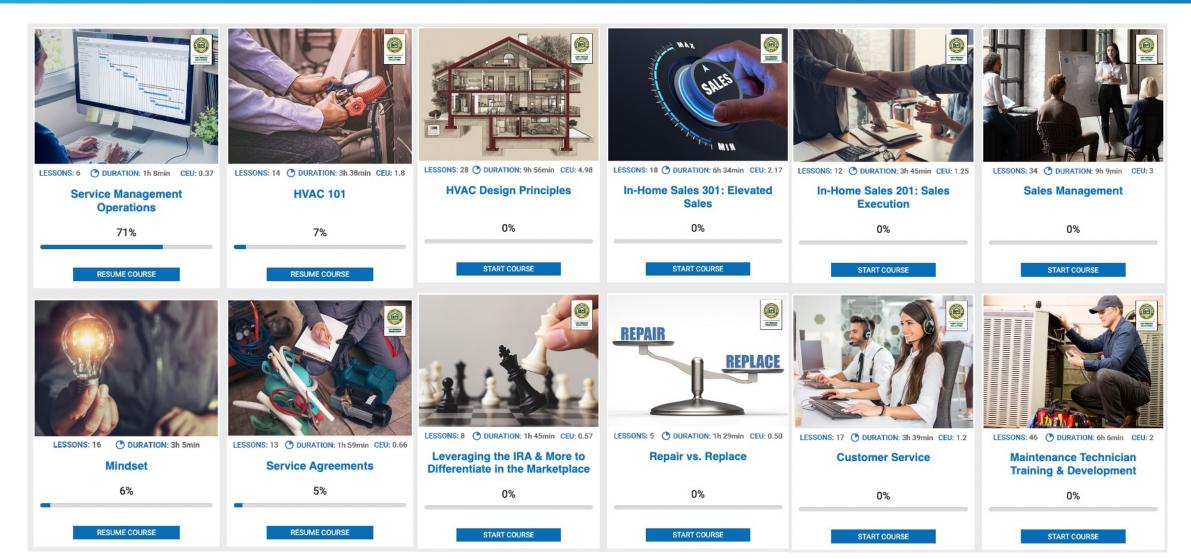
# Industry-Best Business Development Training for Home Services Contractors

- Extensive platform featuring on-demand video courses, downloadable (& customizable) resources, events & more
- Serves 1,500+ member companies nationwide contracting businesses, largely in residential HVAC
- Special partner memberships for OEM's contractors, including Daikin, Goodman, Trane, American Standard





#### **Contractor University – Catalog of Online On-Demand Courses**





## **Contractor University – Class Catalog Continued**



LESSONS: 60 O DURATION: 13h 30min CEU: 4.5

Service Technician Training

0%

START COURSE





LESSONS: 15 O DURATION: 4h 43min CEU: 1.6

Budgeting

0%

START COURSE



LESSONS: 13 ( DURATION: 2h 9min CEU: 0.72

**Performance & Productivity** 

0%



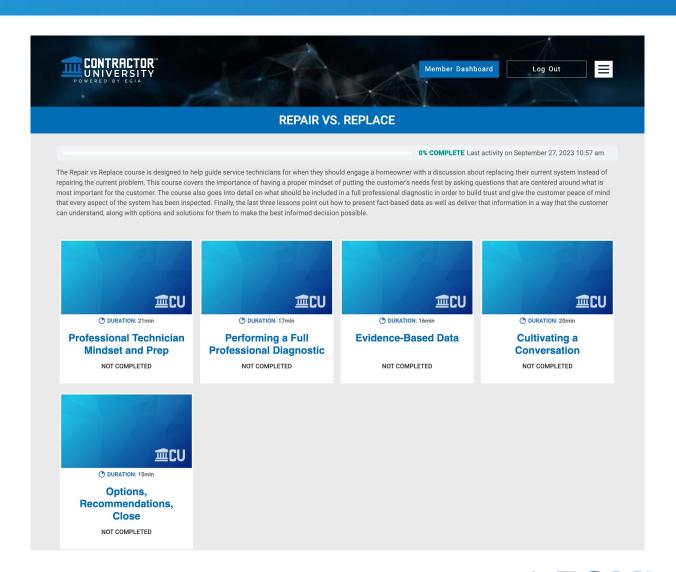




## Create a CU Curriculum That Emphasizes Non-Technical Urgencies

#### Repair vs Replace Course

- 5 lessons total, 90 minutes of streaming video
- Builds on technical education, rather than attempting to replace it
- Focuses on recommendations, customer experience
- Leans on technical education to identify problems, then make recommendations based on those diagnoses

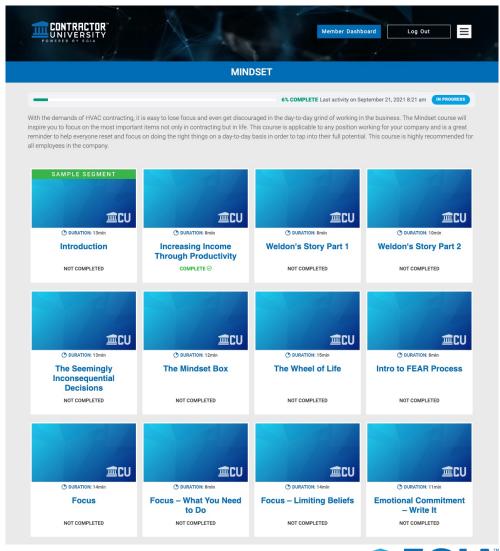




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#### **Mindset Training Course**

- 16 lessons total, 3+ hours of streaming video
- Focuses on subjects like Focus, Emotional Commitment, Productivity & more
- Fills in education around establishing a mindset to consistently execute within company culture
   & mission
- This module is led by Weldon Long, NYT bestselling author of *The Power of Consistency*

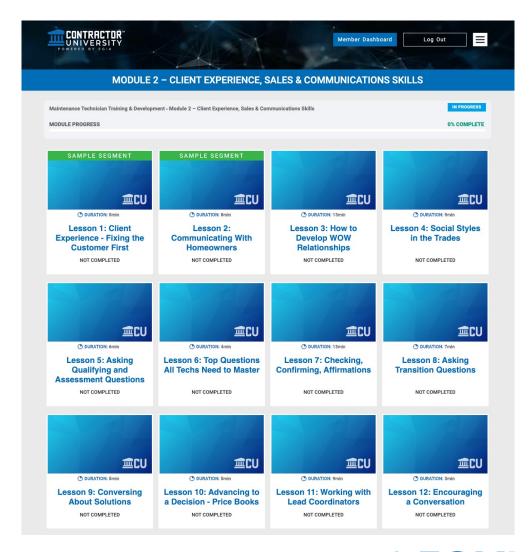




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#### **Technician Communications Course**

- 46 lessons total, 6+ hours of streaming video
- Focuses on subjects like Top Questions,
   Communicating with Homeowners, Social Styles & more
- Complements users' technical training with soft skills, interpersonal development

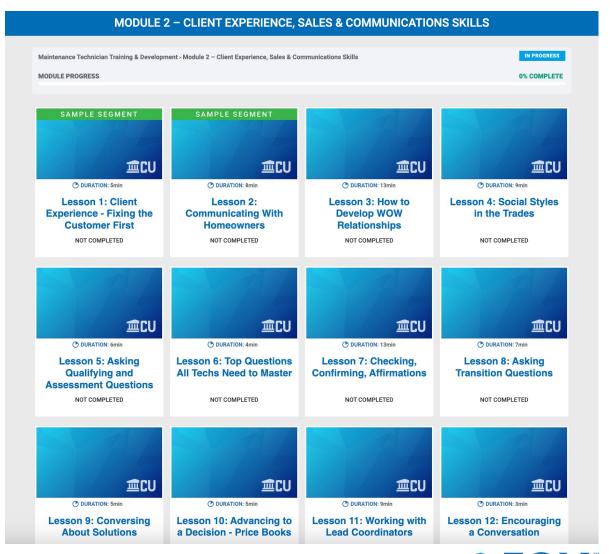




### What Business-Based Topics Would Be Valuable to Schools?

#### **Suggestions:**

- In-Home Sales
- Service Agreements
- Technician Communications
- Repair vs Replace
- Mindset Training
- Dispatching





### What Business-Based Topics Would Be Valuable to Schools?

 If we offered a no-cost business supplement to your technical training, would your school opt in?

What other business topics do you think would be most important?

 What do we need to do to streamline the process of integrating this business supplement training into your existing program?



## **EGIA Foundation Scholarship Program**





### Scholarships Simple Eligibility Criteria

#### **SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Scholarships will be awarded based on eligibility requirements, academic merit, financial need and interest in pursuing a career in the HVAC industry. Below are the requirements for eligibility in the annual scholarship program:



Students must be enrolled\* or plan to enroll in an HVAC technical program\*\* at an accredited institution



Students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in their previous coursework



Students must be US Citizens, US Nationals or US Permanent Residents based on US Department of Education



Students Must be pursuing an Associate's Degree, Certificate or Diploma from an HVAC technical program

#### Preference will be given to high school seniors and students aged 18-26

\*Current students must continue to be enrolled throughout the full duration of the scholarship year – example: enrolled through January 1, 2024 for the 2023-2024 scholarship cycle

\*\*Applicants are required to upload documentation that the eligible HVAC program is offered at the school applied to/enrolled. Employees and children of employees of EGIA and the EGIA Foundation are ineligible to apply



### 2023 Scholarship Recipients



TYLER JASPER Pennsylvania College Lewistown, PA



IAN OROSCO Pikes Peak State College Colorado Springs, Co



JOJUAN CAMPBELL Columbus State Community College Columbus, OH



JOVANNI ESPINOZA Perry Technical Institute Mabton, WA



TYLER CORTES Institute of Technology Sutherlin, OR



JOSEPH LAREZ Perry Technical Institute Harrah, WA



DAVID JENTIS
Western Technical College
El Paso, TX



ANDREW MORRIS
Perry Technical Institute
Yakima, WA



**DYLAN WHIPPLE**North Georgia Technical College
Demorest, GA



JORGE ARIZPE HVAC Technical Institute Chicago, IL



KAHLEAL HILL Guilford Tech Community College Asheboro, NC



JOSH HARTMAN Pennsylvania College Lebanon, PA



### 2023 Scholarship Recipients



MATTHEW MAITLAND
Pikes Peak State College
Colorado Springs, CO



BRYAN HERNANDEZ

Delgado Community College

New Orleans, LA



CHAD BITTLE State Technical College Jefferson City, MO



SEAN TERRELL Greenville Technical College Anderson, SC



GAVIN REUPERT

Mount St. Joseph University
Cincinnati, OH



**DANTE CARTER**San Joaquin Valley College
Palmdale, CA

In reviewing photos of our 2023 Scholarship winners...What's missing?

What would make this program more successful?



## 2024 Scholarship Awards Timeline

Hard Launch: 2024 Program Year (November)

Selections Made (May-June)

Acceptance Confirmation Notices Sent (June-July) Acceptance Deadline
Alternate Acceptances
Awardee Photos/Bios
received
(July-August)

Scholarship Funds Distributed to Students (August-Sept. 2024)

Apply Now at:

https://alwaysindemand.com/scholarship/scholarship-form/



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