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Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario

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Dear IUOE Local 793 Signatory Companies:

Subject: Canada's Building Trades Unions (CBTU) – In the Trades Apprenticeship Program

We are pleased to inform you that CBTU created the "In the Trades" grant funding to support unionized contractors by providing financial incentives to hire, onboard and retain first-year apprentices. Eligible contractors can receive \$5,000 for new first-year apprentices and \$10,000 for onboarding equity-deserving groups.

To participate, unionized contractors must (a) have less than 500 employees at the time of application, (b) hire a first-year apprentice in one of the 39 approved trades and (c) have signed the Registered Training Agreement prior to hiring an apprentice.

Attached are the program flyers for information on eligibility for the grant and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). Please visit <https://buildingtrades.ca/inthetrades/> to apply and for further information on grant funding.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact John McCollum at jmccollum@inthetrades.ca or (613) 889-1461.

Best Regards,

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