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LOCAL 83'S STRENGTHS

By: Randy Cruse

Reports provided by the International indicate that \$10 billion (that's billion) worth of work will be bid in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa in the next 180 days. This work includes electric power plants, ethanol plants, chemical plants, oil refineries and cement plants. These types of facilities use boilermaker skills both in construction and maintenance. Local 83 has an excellent market share of electric generation, but as an organization, we need to make inroads in other industries. Whenever possible, these upcoming projects are made available to contractors interested in the information.

A general plan to go about this task is being followed by Local 83 in the following manner. More boilermakers are needed in our area to provide staffing for these projects. The staff needs to be trained and have a feeling of being a part of an organization. Contractors need to work in partnership with Local 83 to identify strengths and needs in training. The customers not familiar with Local 83 Boilermakers need to be marketed to.

Our number one strength is the high skill level of Local 83 journeyman boilermakers. Our apprentices are definitely improving in quality of education and interest in a career in the Boilermaker industry. Many apprentices have previous training in vocational technical schools and some have different levels of college. Another source of apprentices is veterans through the Helmets to Hardhats Program. Manhours for learning the boilermaker trade are readily available. Our members provide on the job training to our new members and Local 83 is providing additional training opportunities through the Supplemental Training and Education Program. The National Training Center for apprentices has a wealth of resources to train our apprentices. I am envious of their training. From this pool of men and women, we have currently 249 indentured apprentices in Local 83. Since 1991 when Local 83 became a part of SAJAC, 402 apprentices have graduated to journeyman status. Local 83 has increased its participation in indenturing apprentices. This is Local 83's strength.

Another strength Local 83 has is the recent transfer of NTL members into Local 83. These new members of Local 83, Shop Members who are seeking work in the field, and recruits from the unorganized industry have increased our numbers. They have a great deal of pride in belonging to Local 83. In talking to members of other locals and organizations, I have found that pride of membership readily transfers to Local 83. I also respect and understand that feeling of pride that travelers have in their home locals. This feeling of pride in belonging to the Boilermakers Union is strength.

Contractors are becoming responsive to Local 83's needs by customizing their work orders to recognize that over ordering tube welders is not a good idea. Safety programs from the contractor and owner community have resulted in greatly improved safety records. The contractor sees the value of training and the positive working relationships established between the union, contractor, and owner.

A recent meeting with a current owner has resulted in mutual understanding of the Boilermaker issues in working in this industry. Confidence from this meeting leads me to believe that this is an important function of Local 83 and will open doors in other industries. It is an important strength.

In a recent conversation with a Local 83 member, he described that every job he went to was his "Super Bowl". I picked up on that description of the excitement and enthusiasm he felt every time he goes on a boilermaker job and it reminded me of the way I worked myself up when I had a stack of work orders to fill as your former dispatcher. The ongoing opportunities for Local 83 Boilermakers present their selves as our "Super Bowl."

Work safely and enthusiastically and enjoy this prosperity in the boilermakers industry and strive to continue. It is our strength.

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Local 83's e-mail address has changed—just put in the name of the person you want to contact @bml83.org

Special points of interest:

- National Funds Office has new website—www.bmf-kc.com
- Automated Information available by calling (816)276-1200
- Check out our new website

www.bml83.org

QUESTIONS REGARDING PPO PROVIDERS? CHECK OUT THE INTERNATIONAL'S WEBPAGE AT WWW.BOILERMAKERS.ORG. THIS WILL GIVE YOU A LIST OF PPO PROVIDERS IN YOUR AREA, AS WELL AS OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

DISPATCHER'S DESK

By: Pat Herring

As you all know, the fall outage season is just around the corner. Local 83 is going to have an enormous workload this fall, with outages and new work alike. Everybody needs to keep their MOST Drug Card current. You don't want to miss out on the opportunity for a job. Some jobs are also requiring the OSHA 10 Hour Safety Class. You can contact this office for the next available date to attend this class.

With all this work in the Local, we will need a lot of Foremen and Stewards for these jobs. Step up to the plate and take any opportunity that is offered to you. It would not be offered to you if we did not think you could handle the job. We will need the experience and knowledge that only our members can bring to the job.

Improve your skills and be aware. Work careful and be safe.

WORK REPORT—MISSOURI

By: Joe Lewandowski

ASSOCIATED ELECTRIC

Thomas Hill, MO—Unit 1 outage is scheduled for September 27 with 8 weeks of 7-10's. The Cyclone Burner Replacement and Back Pass Replacement will take 100 Boilermakers per shift, and the S.C.R. Tie-In will take up to 80 Boilermakers per shift. There will also be some small inspection outages on Units 2 and 3 which will last a week or so on both units.

K.C.P.& L.

Iatan, MO—UNIT 1 OUTAGE—APComPower has the S.C.R. and baghouse. This job will work 2 shifts of 7-10's and last for 6 weeks. Enerfab will have the burners, water seal and T&M work. They will work 2 shifts of 7-10's with 140 Boilermakers on both shifts. Foley Company will have the furnace bottom replacement. Manpower or hours are not yet available, but they will probably work 7-10's. B&W will be doing the economizer replacement with help from W.S.I. on the orbital welding. This job will probably work 7-10's with 42 Boilermakers per shift.

UNIT 2 NEW WORK—APComPower will be starting the 2nd shift on the boiler in early September, as well as the Unit 2 Baghouse. This job is working 6-10's. Mid-Atlantic Boiler's job on the stack is almost complete and C.B.I.'s job on the absorbers on both units is still on-going.

Just in case you did not know, K.C.P.& L. has bought out Aquila, which includes plants in Sibley and St. Joseph.

Sibley, MO—NAES will have the S.C.R. Tie-In on Unit 3 starting early November. This job should take a few more hands and may go to 7-10's.

B&W will have the water wall replacement on Unit 3. This job will work 6-10's with 40 Boilermakers per shift.

CITY UTILITY

Springfield, MO – The Boldt Company has the contract for the new Unit 2 at Southwest Power Station. There are 8 Boilermakers on site loading trucks and starting to build some ductwork. They are working 40 hours with \$40.00 per day subsistence. The balance of the plant contract has not been given yet; hopefully it will be Alberici and Cherne.

With all the outages and new work going on in the local, the most important thing will be to work safely. Tie off, watch out for other people working around you and other hazards. I want you all to be safe so that

I do not have to come to the hospital to see you or your family. I have had to do this once since I have been in the office and I DID NOT LIKE IT.

If you have any questions, please call me at the office or e-mail me at Joe@bml83.org.

KANSAS WORK REPORT

By: Larry Horseman

WESTAR

St. Mary's, KS – This job should start around September 26 and work 7 to 8 weeks of 7-10's for 75 Boilermakers on 1 shift.

Hutchinson, KS – Around the 2nd week of October for a couple of weeks of 6-10's for about 12 Boilermakers.

Lawrence, KS—This job was originally scheduled for this fall but has been moved to January 2009 for 17 weeks.

Colwich, KS—Day & Zimmermann NPS has an outage scheduled for September 22 with 4 weeks of 6-10's for around 10 Boilermakers. Piping & Equipment will have the economizer job beginning September 22 for 6 to 8 Boilermakers for 6 weeks.

COFFEYVILLE RESOURCES

Coffeyville, KS—Piping & Equipment will have a job starting October 13 for 20 Boilermakers working 10 days of 7-12's with \$85.00 per day subsistence.

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Kansas City, KS (Quindaro) - This job is scheduled to begin October 11 with 8 weeks of 6-10's for 50 Boilermakers.

Kansas City, KS (Nearman) - A.M.I. will take 20 Boilermakers beginning September 27. This job will work 12 hours for 5 to 6 days.

K.C.P.& L.

LaCygne, KS—Nothing scheduled here until early 2009.

With the fortunate abundance of work throughout the jurisdiction of Local 83, there are some things that everyone needs to remember. The first thing is to always work safely and always tie-off to avoid any type of injury.

Some other things, and not necessarily in any particular order, are that all Stewards do their part in notifying the hall of all layoffs, quits, terminations, etc. on the date they occur. The hours worked and hours available are very important for keeping our Davis-Bacon reporting system (to ensure that Boilermaker prevailing wage is the correct rate of pay in that area). If Stewards don't perform these tasks, the field dues that they are exempt from paying may be in jeopardy. When you are laid off, you need to check in with the hall. If you are not on the out-of-work list, we cannot call you.

Another topic of importance is to stay current on your monthly dues and initiation fees. Don't be a name on "THE LIST". If you are on the list, your wife or significant other is not paying those dues and fees for you, which means you need to pay them yourself. There should be no excuse to be in arrears as there is, and has been, adequate work opportunity for everyone for quite some time. If you don't know what "THE LIST" is, please call and I will explain. Or, I will probably just call you if your name is on the list.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for doing the best possible job that they can on every job. Work Safely. It will help ensure our future.

EASTERN IOWA

By: Tom Dye

Dubuque, IA—Ragan Mechanical will have an outage starting September 8. They will take around 8 to 10 Boilermakers per shift working 6-10's with \$35.00 per day subsistence. This job is scheduled for 3 weeks depending on hydro.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Prairie Creek) - Azco has 6 Boilermakers working 5-10's with \$35.00 per day incentive. They may take a couple of more mechanics if needed. This outage is scheduled to last 6 more weeks.

Cedar Rapids, IA (6th Street) - Alliant is still deciding on what to do with this facility.

Lansing, IA—Enerfab has around 15 Boilermakers on site working 5-10's. This job should last about 9 more months, depending on which contractor gets the bid on the baghouse.

Ottumwa, IA—There is a 1-week outage scheduled for October. No scope of work known at this time.

Palo, IA—There is an outage at Duane Arnold Energy Center scheduled for February 2009.

Marshalltown, IA—Jamar has approximately 50 Boilermakers per shift working 7-10's with \$35.00 per day incentive. This project should max out around 95 Boilermakers on days and 90 on nights. They should be done hiring tube welders and start taking plate welders and mechanics.

Ames, IA—The Municipal Plant is planning an outage this fall.

Marshalltown, IA—Sutherland's new facility is still in the planning stages. Alliant is working with P.K.S. and Black & Veatch to get numbers together to move forward on this project.

Last week Randy and I traveled to Alliant headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin. In this meeting, Alliant's clean-air compliance representatives informed us of the upcoming work in their system, which includes a baghouse starting next spring at the Burlington, Iowa plant and one starting at Ottumwa Generating Station at the completion of the Burlington project.

I would like to take a minute to thank the members that took time to vote in our recent Election of Officers. I would also like to remind you that this year is a very important election year. Be sure to get out and vote in November or register for an absentee ballot and vote by mail.

I would like to end by saying thanks for the opportunity to serve the members of Local 83. Remember, if you have any questions or problems, please call.

NEBRASKA & WESTERN IOWA

By: Scot Albertson

The fall outage season is here already and it is going to be busy. This particular region will not have any large outages, but has several small ones with a lot of work to do in a short amount of time.

MID-AMERICAN ENERGY

Council Bluffs, IA—Walter Scott Energy Center Unit 1 is scheduled to come down mid-October for about 5 weeks. Total manpower will be around 26 to 30 Boilermakers.

Unit 3 will have an extremely large outage for the tie-in for the A.Q.C.S. project in April. This will include the tie in, secondary superheat replacement, arch replacement and a header replacement. This contract has not been awarded yet but it is down to 3 union contractors as well as 1 non-union contractor so we need to make a good showing this fall.

Unit 3 A.Q.C.S. project for Kiewit in on-going with around 50 Boilermakers working 5-10's with some weekends and \$35.00 a day subsistence. We have had a lot of inexperience on this project, but it has gone extremely well with great craftsmanship and hard work from our new guys and great leadership and hard work from our veterans.

N.P.P.D.

Hallam, NE—Starting the 15th for about 2 weeks for about 15 to 20 Boilermakers.

O.P.P.D.

North Omaha, NE—Unit 4 will have an outage starting in October. Duration and manpower are unknown at this time.

In regards to the outages, the main concern with our customers is with manpower as well as absenteeism. That is the main reason they say that they have started looking more and more at the non-union sector.

We have several new projects in the works as well as more in the planning stages.

AURORA ETHANOL

Aurora, NE—Kiewit Energy has around 20 boilermakers building an ethanol facility. They should be on this project at least through the end of the year. This job is working 5-10's with some Saturdays and \$50.00 per day subsistence. This project could lead to a lot more new work in the industry. We all know that this has been traditionally non-union.

A.D.M.

Columbus, NE—The Boldt Company has around 60 Boilermakers building 2 Co-Gen units. This project has been on-going for some time now, working 5-10's with some Saturdays and \$50.00 per day subsistence. The hydro for the 1st unit is scheduled for mid-October.

CITY UTILITIES

Hastings, NE—B&W will have around 10 to 15 Boilermakers start unloading trucks around October 1st for the 250 megawatt unit that has begun. This project will be on a quick schedule so look for a lot of overtime. B&W will be paying \$80.00 per day subsistence. The powers that be did everything they could to give this to a Union Contractor. Let's pay them back with a good showing.

Right now we have several projects being planned, such as Neal in Sioux City, Iowa doing A.Q.C.S. projects, as well as Sutherland, Nebraska.

Lastly, I don't want to spend too much time talking about the negativity, but I do want to focus on the positive. Right now experience is short on these jobs. We have a lot of people just starting out in the trade that are willing to learn and try hard. There are also a tremendous amount of veterans that are carrying these jobs. I would like to say THANK YOU for all the hard work. It is your dedication that is and will continue to make Local 83 successful.

I would also like to thank everybody that voted in the last Local 83 Election of Officers and those of you that show up and make your voices heard at the Union Meetings. Remember, we have a very important election coming up. If you are not registered to vote, make sure and get it done. This election is one of the most important that I can remember, there are a lot of issues that are crucial to working families that will be decided in this election.

SHOP REPORT

By: John Seward

Work in the majority of the shops continues to be good at the present time. There are only a couple of shops at the current time that have employees on lay off at this time. Hopefully work will pick up in the near future for these shops and everybody can get back to work. There are a far larger number of shops that have an abundance of work and are working overtime. Most of these also have a significant backlog of work going into the future as opposed to short term workloads.

One of the biggest concerns and issues during negotiations continues to be affordable health insurance. The increased cost of insurance makes it increasingly difficult to negotiate a decent wage increase, and negatively affects both the employee and the employer. This will continue to affect negotiations as long as the current system of high medical costs escalate and the vast number of uninsured Americans continue to increase.

Safety is always important, regardless of the workload or number of hours you are working. It is just as important to be safe in slow times as busy times. It is easy to become complacent in either situation, and complacency on the part of either the employer or the employee can result in avoidable accidents or injuries. Even if the shop has a safety program and designated safety people, safety should still remain a personal issue and concern. Nobody can watch out for you better than you can yourself, so work safe and watch out not only for yourself, but also those around you.

SAFETY TRAINING & SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING

By: Dave Leimer

What a great time to be a Boilermaker. With three new boilers coming out of the ground at the same time (Iatan, MO; Springfield, MO; and Hastings, NE) and all the SCR and baghouse work out there, not to mention the repair work, we are working hard to meet the needs of the Boilermaker industries.

As of July 1, 2008 we have had 665 people go through the Supplemental Training Welding Classes, and are looking to double that by the end of the year. Classes in July and August were for members, where Local 83 apprentices, journeymen and NTL members came in to upgrade their welding skills.

We have given the 10-Hour Safety Class to more than 250 people so far this year, along with the Scaffold Erection and Steel Erection Class. MOST has now started their new Rigging Class and instructors are being trained. I hope to bring this class to Local 83 in December.

With all the work going on, our contractors and customers are not only demanding that we have the 10-Hour Safety Class, but that we have all the other related safety and training classes. So, if you need a class let me know.

I would also like to tell all the Foremen out there to keep up the good work, work safe, and remember that we need to teach the young so that they can be a Foreman in the future.

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John S. Clements—October 26, 2007
Dale M. Harper—November 18, 2007
Justin L. Haase—November 30, 2007
Hubert Hendricks, Jr.—December 18, 2007
Darrell D. Pavey—December 18, 2007
Danny L. Clark—January 3, 2008
Gary D. Miller—February 12, 2008
Ralph S. Rodriguez—March 12, 2008
George Kite—April 17, 2008
Chris A. Sammon—May 17, 2008
Terry E. Stimpson—May 23, 2008
Larry W. Dunaway—July 4, 2008
Donald L. Bailey—August 15, 2008
Richard L. Ice—August 25, 2008
Jacky P. Rankin—August 31, 2008

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE OFF DUE TO ILLNESS OR INJURY

Scott Baxley
R.B. Brown
Garry Brunner
Dan Conner
Wayne Dyle

Norman Fry
Ron Maggart
Charles Shipley
Robert "Mac" Wharton

NOTICE—It is Local 83's intention to notify the membership of all members who are off work due to injury or illness and all active and retired members who are deceased. However, we need your assistance to do this. Please contact Local 83's office when you are aware of any such occurrence.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 11, 2008

Regular Monthly Meeting—10:00 a.m.
Retired Members' Banquet—3:00 p.m.

November 8, 2008

Regular Monthly Meeting—10:00 a.m.

December 1, 2008

Vacation Checks will be mailed out to eligible members

December 13, 2008

Regular Monthly Meeting—10:00 a.m.

ELECTION 2008

By: John Seward

Very soon we will have the opportunity and privilege to cast our vote for the leadership of our Country for the next four years for the President, two years for the House of Representatives, and six years for the Senate. This is a real opportunity for changing the direction this Country has been moving for the last eight years, especially for not only union members, but all working lower and middle class Americans.

For union members and advocates, one of the most important issues is the fact that the next President will have the opportunity to appoint three members to the National Labor Relations Board. The Board consists of five members, but currently just has two sitting, one Labor friendly and one anti-Labor. The other three positions have not been filled by Bush because Democrats (primarily) have blocked any anti-labor appointments. The down-side of this is the Board has been unable to rule on any disputes or issues because of a lack of a majority, which is still better than having all rulings go against us. If McCain is elected, his appointees will either be anti-Labor or the Board will remain gridlocked with only two members. If Obama is elected, we can depend on having a Labor friendly Board being appointed and approved, which is important to every Union member in the Country. This also is reliant on increasing the Democrat majority in Congress.

For the last eight years we have had an administration that is out of touch with the average American, what they face, and where they are struggling. Whether the issue is health care, health insurance, the cost of education for our children, the loss of quality jobs, unfair trade policies that hurt American workers, just to name a few, the Bush administration has not even let Labor have a seat in the room, yet alone one at the table. We need change, we need to demand change, and we need to start by electing Obama/Biden as well as other candidates to the House and Senate that are worker friendly, and realize that our issues are just as relevant and just as important as those of the oil companies, financial giants, and mega corporations.

We need to vote, our friends and family need to be urged to vote, and to vote for those candidates that will support the types of policies that enable the average American to work and have a job that can support their family, have some decent benefits, and hopefully retire with dignity. For the last eight years the American Dream has become more like an elusive dream, and we have an opportunity to right the ship, so long as we don't allow ourselves to get sidetracked by wedge issues that are Supreme Court issues as opposed legislative issues. Vote for your well-being and success, support and vote for Obama and other Labor friendly candidates, and urge your family and friends to do the same.

MRB RATES EFFECTIVE 1/1/2009

The two dollar ten cent (\$2.10) per hour rate increase effective 1/1/2009 will be allocated as follows:

\$1.10 to wages, \$.40 to Pension, \$.35 to Annuity, \$.25 to Supplemental Health & Welfare.

This results in the following rates:

General Foreman	\$ 36.10	Health & Welfare	\$ 6.82/hr pd.
Foreman	34.60	Supp. H&W	1.00/hr pd.
Journeyman	32.10	Pension	6.35/hr pd.
		Annuity	4.80/hr pd.
		Supp. T&E	.15/hr wkd.
		Appr./MOST	.64/hr wkd.

Subsistence, when applicable, will be increased to \$38.00 per day.

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