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Northwest Carpenters & Operating Engineers Create New Regional Partnership
New Organization Emphasizes Contractor Partnership, Accountability and Training

SEATTLE – Two of the largest building trades unions in the northwest, The Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters (Northwest Carpenters) and Oregon Local 701 and Washington Locals 302 and 612 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, have joined forces to create the first regional council of the National Construction Alliance II.

Together, these founding unions represent over 35,000 working men and women in the construction and building trades in Washington and Oregon. The new organization is called the Northwest Regional Council of the National Construction Alliance II or NWNCA for short.

“The NWNCA is the manifestation of the desire to continue our member union’s progress toward more productive relationships with our contractors and away from the adversarial and sometimes antagonistic posture that some labor organizations maintain, we seek to effectively partner with clients, public agencies and our contracting community” said Doug Tweedy, Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Northwest Carpenters Union.

The purpose of the NWNCA is three fold:

1. A mutually beneficial relationship with our signatory contractors;
2. Reduce costly labor disputes that can slow and stop work; and
3. Provide our members with living wages and medical benefits that protect and support them and their entire family.

The NWNCA is committed to building the future of the northwest. NWNCA member unions and their partner contractors will continue to work together to create key structures across the Northwest ranging from the iconic to the utilitarian; military barracks to skyscrapers.

Operating Engineer and Carpenter training will continue to play a key role in those projects.

“We want what our contractors want,” said Ernie Evans, Business Manager of Washington IUOE Local 612. “We are committed to providing a highly skilled

workforce enabling contractors to finish projects on time and within budget. Our goal is to ensure harmony on every project and value to every contractor.”

The creation of the NWNCA signals a pullout by both unions from the Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council.

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www.NWNCA.org

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