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IUOE LOCAL 825 PROVIDES HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS WITH SPECIALIZED SKILLS, EXPERIENCE & RECORDS OF SAFETY

SPRINGFIELD, NJ – Local 825 of the International Union of Operating Engineers represents more than 7,000 members throughout New Jersey and in five counties of lower New York state, including: Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Delaware.

Operating Engineers run heavy-equipment – such as bulldozers, surface graders, backhoes, loaders and cranes – to execute large construction tasks and earthworks operations. About a third of its members work in quarries or as heavy equipment mechanics.

The International Union of Operating Engineers was founded in 1896 to improve the standards of living of workers and their families by negotiating the most optimal wages, benefits, and working conditions. Local 825 was chartered in 1920 and since then, its members have participated in virtually every major construction project in its coverage area.

In addition to construction of highways and bridges, Local 825 has played an integral role in key developments, such as the reclamation and building of infrastructure vital to the New Jersey Meadowlands, the wholesale reconstruction of Atlantic City and building the skyscrapers that now make up the Jersey City skyline.

Headquartered in Springfield, N.J., Local 825 maintains two additional district offices – in Bordentown, N.J. and Wawayanda (New Hampton), N.Y. – and training facilities in Dayton, N.J. and New Hampton, N.Y.

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“Training is a critical ingredient for Local 825’s value to contractors,” said Greg Lalevee, Local 825’s business manager.

“Given the enormous power of the equipment in use today, there’s no margin for error. To complete their projects on time, on budget and with an emphasis on safety, contractors need to rely on the most skilled and most experienced operators,” Lalevee said.

The local maintains nearly 60 acres of “real-world” training facilities with more than 90 pieces of state-of-the-art equipment in Dayton, NJ, and New Hampton, NY. Seasoned, full-time instructors provide four-year apprenticeship courses for operators, mechanics and field engineers. Existing members also are encouraged to upgrade their skills on the newest equipment, simulators and instrumentation.

Current equipment includes a new Liebherr tower crane, a new milling machine for asphalt paving, seven side booms for pipeline training and a fleet of bulldozers, loaders, forklifts and trucks.

“With everything from heavy equipment operator training, emergency response training, hazardous waste operations, and OSHA training, we ensure that our members are the safest, most highly skilled and experienced operators on any worksite,” said Lalevee. “Our mission is to keep contractors supplied year-round with safe, skilled and efficient operators.”

Local 825 is an active participant in state, local government and community activities, particularly those that have the potential to create opportunities for its members. The local also awards thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants each year to family members of Local 825 to help defray the high cost of college education.

To become a member of Local 825 or to hire a Local 825 member, call (973) 671-6900 or visit our website, www.iuoe825.org

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