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Central PA's First SolarWall® Installed at Ironworkers Local No. 404

G. M. McCrossin installs first solar thermal heating system

Harrisburg, PA (January 20, 2010) – The union hall of the Ironworkers Local No. 404 has officially gone green. The installation of the region's first SolarWall® presents several opportunities to the local that includes a reduction in energy costs, solidifying a relationship with a contractor and putting members to work.

SolarWall® is an alternative energy system that produces solar heated air that heats a building through the existing ventilation system. This preheated air supplements the heating load and offsets the various gas or electric costs associated with heating a building.

“When this opportunity arose I saw two immediate pluses, one, work opportunities for our members and two, the long term cost savings this green product would provide. Combine this with our International's interest in certifying the training and we have the potential for significant work in the future,” said Kerry Zettlemyer, business manager for Ironworker Local No. 404. “More important, one of our signatory contractors, G. M. McCrossin, serves as the distributor for this product and it helps us solidify an all ready strong relationship.”

Annually, 260,000 BTU's of energy is generated per square foot of SolarWall®. This amount of energy generation provides the owner with the opportunity to categorize the building as an energy generator and become eligible for additional tax and emissions credits as well as improving the efficiency of the existing system.

“By improving the efficiency of the heating system SolarWall® provides costs savings through the solar thermal gain. We anticipate that this gain will lead to a project payback in as fast as three years, but no longer than eight,” said Joe Leahey, vice president of G. M. McCrossin.

Ironworkers Local No. 404 is a member of the [International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers](#). With over 300 members, Local 404 encompasses seventeen counties throughout Central Pennsylvania. Their work ranges from erecting buildings and bridges, reinforcing steel, blast furnaces, ornamental ironwork and power plants. Our skill set includes welding, sheeting and rigging all of which are taught by certified instructors in our training facility. More information is available at www.IronworkersLocal404.org.

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