

Heavy Equipment Operator Training



OVERVIEW OF INNOVATION

A shortfall of skilled labor in the construction field prompted Russ Rivera to seek **FHWA grants to assist in Heavy Equipment Operator Training** for 20 men & women interested in the career.

The grant money came from 2 sources...

- \$75,000 - Highway Construction Workforce grant. This was a competitive grant awarded to 6 states nationwide.
- \$190,798 - Annual FHWA On-the-Job-Training allocation (saved over 4 years)

Partners Included:

Idaho Workforce Development Council, and Idaho AGC to leverage Workforce Development grant funds. We received donations of land and/or equipment from Idaho construction contractors.

Participants receive certifications for:

- OSHA, NCCR, Forklift, Maintenance & Service as well as Heavy Equipment Operator.



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BENEFITS

Increase in skilled labor within the construction community.

Opportunity for those wanting careers in construction to gain skill and certification that would otherwise not be accessible.

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