

Welding is a highly skilled trade, and the demand for its application continues to increase, especially in the construction industry. When you couple that fact with the Ironworkers International Training Fund's Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) rating for each Local's Apprentice Program, you've got two very good reasons why Local 46 has created its own in-house Journeyman Upgrade Welding Program for its members. This new addition to the physical plant of the Learning Center was fabricated by Coastline Construction, a Local 580 shop headed up by brother Bill Lupino. The electrical work was completed by Quenzer Electric. Foreman Brian Esposito, (the same craftsman that did all the intricate lighting work in our

demonstrate correct practices and technique. Each work center is equipped with the In-vertch V-275 (275 amp cmstick welder. Every booth will also have its own arc sensor and fume extractor. When an arc is struck, it automatically activates an exhaust fan which extracts all noxious fumes and traps both smoke and particles in paper filters, which can be replaced periodically.

distribution panel and ran power to the welding machines themselves as well as fans, receptacles and control panels.

The configuration will allow for the training to take place in groups of 8, with the larger, center booth used to accommodate the instructor and afford him space to

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tion, new oversight initiatives, TARP and other programs are aimed at reining in these abuses. President Barack Obama offers remedies for the problems of Affordable Health Care, deteriorating infrastructure, a broken Educational System and a declining economy. As Union

Where is the bottom of this horrible economy? The answer is simple and sad at the same time. No one really knows. Like a child, telling a parent he heard or saw the boogie man when the lights were turned off at bedtime, grown men and women are scared to death and don't know what to do or where to go. Many

Do we need a “maximum wage” in the United States, a limit on the amount of income any one individual can pocket over a year’s time?

A year ago, anybody seriously proposing any sort of maximum wage would

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