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**Build The Way To Your Future:
Utility Contractors Organize First-Ever Industry Career Fair
in Virginia This Friday, Nov. 15**

(Fairfax, Va.) – Jobseekers will find a potential new career—and employers will fill their critical labor needs—at the first-ever Utility Construction Career Fair, being held this Friday in Chantilly, Virginia.

“We’re an industry that prides itself on building America from the ground up,” said Doug Kleine, interim CEO of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA). “Our members’ success depends on finding skilled labor to complete their jobs, and they are having trouble finding enough engineers, laborers, estimators, welders, and foremen to hire. NUCA’s first-ever career fair will help address that shortage in the mid-Atlantic area. Our member’s companies are offering good-paying jobs at all levels.”

The U.S. construction industry is still facing worrying skilled labor shortages. Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in September 2019 found that there about 338,000 unfilled jobs represents an increase from the month’s 2018 job count, which was estimated to be 299,000 jobs nationwide. This gap between available positions and skilled workers ready to fill them puts added pressure on developers, contractors and owners. However, even in the face of a worker shortage, construction is booming.

NUCA’s Utility Construction Career Fair seeks to bring together employers and candidates from all demographics and walks of life. The construction industry offers to younger candidates a path to begin earning immediately after high school graduation, instead of incurring college debt. Building one’s community also appeals to those who today are in unfulfilling jobs, seeking a path to building public works projects that directly improve their neighbors’ lives. Construction jobs also come with benefits and good wages, especially for those with labor categories in demand. Veterans who have a construction background are especially sought, because of their training and use of heavy equipment.

The Friday, November 15, 2019 career fair will be held at the Dulles Expo Center (North Hall), 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Employers will be collecting resumes, discussing current openings, and interviewing applicants on site. Our mid-Atlantic construction industry employers are seeking new employees at all levels.

A complete list of companies, plus information about the Career Fair and directions can be found online at **www.nuca.com/careerfair**.

This event is sponsored by the National Utility Contractors Association. It is free to all job seekers.

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About The National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA)

Founded in 1964, the National Utility Contractors Association represents nearly 1,700 U.S. utility and excavation contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers who provide the materials and workforce to build and maintain our nation's intricate network of water, sewer, gas, telecommunications, and electric infrastructure. NUCA is found online at www.nuca.com, and can be followed on Twitter at **@NUCA_National**. The association's Twitter hashtag is #WeDigAmerica.