



WARD 8 WORKS

Connecting Ward 8 Residents to Jobs on Ward 8 Developments

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WHAT IS WARD 8 WORKS?

Ward 8 Works is a partnership between District government agencies, nonprofit service providers, developers and contractors to connect Ward 8 residents with pre-construction and construction jobs on the many development projects coming to Ward 8.



WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR WARD 8 WORKS?

There are no minimum education or training requirements, and you do not have to be job ready to join Ward 8 Works. All Ward 8 residents are welcome -- residents living in public housing, with Housing Choice vouchers, or who are on the waitlist for public housing or vouchers are encouraged to become a part of the program. All you need now is a commitment to get ready.

Women and high school juniors/seniors are encouraged to apply.



WHAT TYPES OF JOBS AND PROJECTS WILL BE AVAILABLE?

Job functions include construction and general labor positions. Projects include construction and development of Barry Farm, St. Elizabeth's East Campus, 11th Street Bridge Park, the MLK Gateway, St. Elizabeth's West Campus (GSA Phase II), the Far Southeast Family Strengthening Collaborative Development Project and others.



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IS THIS A JOB TRAINING PROGRAM?

No – Ward 8 Works is not a new training program, nor is it meant to replace existing programs. If you are currently working with a training or support organization to become “job ready,” you should continue to work with them. If you are looking to become job ready, Ward 8 Works can connect you to an organization that can help.



WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Many of the jobs will be general labor positions, with no education, training or certifications required. You just need to be job ready. For those with prior construction experience, there will also be skilled labor positions available.



WHEN WILL JOBS BE AVAILABLE?

Job opportunities will be available as early as January 2018. Between now and then, we will be working with Ward 8 Works participants to prepare them for available jobs. Once hiring timelines are solidified, we will begin placing Ward 8 Works participants into jobs on projects. Remember that the developers and contractors are part of the Ward 8 Works partnership; they are committing to having jobs available for participants in the program if potential employees are job ready.



WHY SHOULD POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES SHOW UP NOW IF THE FIRST JOBS WON'T BE AVAILABLE UNTIL NEXT YEAR?

Many people show up looking for a job and find that they are not “job ready” – they don't have valid ID, don't have the right equipment, can't pass the drug test, or haven't arranged transportation or child care to be able to work typical work hours. Ward 8 Works wants to start working with potential employees now to address all of those barriers.



WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A JOB?

You can still be part of Ward 8 Works, especially if you are interested in a job that can lead to a career in construction.