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Recruiting The Young Ashley Boatright

Recently I had an opportunity to talk to a group of contractors in Dallas. For two hours we talked about everything from current issues and challenges to in the work place. The group brought up numerous concerns, including the getting young people into the industry and the high worker-turnover rate. Or contractor's frustrations were voiced, but felt by all: "There's no influx of ne the industry at a time we need it most. Part of our problem is our image and public school systems present us. We need to encourage school leaders to pr interests."

One solution is being offered by BE&K in Birmingham, Alabama. Accordir Paulding at BE&K, the company has joined forces with the Shelby County System to create an industrial-construction training program. BE&K sponso high-school students who receive training and classroom credit in trades suc and electrical wiring. Upon graduation from high school, the students in the guaranteed a job at BE&K. It's a win-win situation. Students receive technic for a promising career, and BE&K pulls new young people into the industry into its own work force.

It may be difficult to change the minds of so many young people who feel d follow vocational paths into high-tech fields. But steps such as the one BE& with its industrial-construction program are a model many construction com greatly can benefit from following. If you'd like more information on BE&K contact Robin Spaulding at (205) 972-6688.



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