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**Free Job Training Course Results in
Sustainable Wage Jobs in Construction Industry**

Social Development Commission accepting applicants for next Absolute Advantage Course

June 19, 2017 – Milwaukee, Wis. – Low-income residents continue to seek sustainable-wage jobs but cannot obtain those jobs without training. Construction projects continue to change the skyline, but the industry needs qualified candidates to fill the void of skilled laborers.

The Social Development Commission (SDC), continues to graduate students from its Absolute Advantage construction job-training program. Absolute Advantage is SDC's free, accredited, nine-week class that trains unemployed or underemployed people for the construction industry. Graduates earn nationally recognized certification through the National Center for Construction and Research (NCCER).

The program, started in mid-2016, will begin its fourth session in late July. Because of the success of the program, businesses from the construction industry have partnered with SDC to interview students for open positions. Several of the students have obtained full-time employment as a direct result of the interviews.

Individuals interested in the program must register for one of two mandatory Information Session being held Tuesday, July 11 at 11:30 AM and Wednesday, July 12 at 5:30 PM. The sessions will be at SDC, 1730 W. North Avenue, Milwaukee.

"The growth and dedication of our students shows they are committed to working hard and finding employment that allows them to support themselves or their families," says George Hinton, CEO of the Social Development Commission. "Moving people out of poverty is our number one objective, and having employers in the construction industry recognize the strength of the program, helps us do that."

Absolute Advantage students get hands-on training and study a variety of topics from OSHA construction safety skills to construction math and materials handling to career enhancement skills.

Individuals can now register online for the mandatory information sessions on the SDC website – [cr-sdc.org http://www.cr-sdc.org/SDC/Programs/Career-Services/Absolute-Advantage.htm](http://www.cr-sdc.org/SDC/Programs/Career-Services/Absolute-Advantage.htm) .

For more than 50 years, the Social Development Commission has operated as the Community Action Agency for Milwaukee County. SDC serves as a planner, coordinator, and provider of human service programs for low-income individuals and families residing in Milwaukee County. The agency is an intergovernmental commission and is governed by a board of 18 citizens from Milwaukee County, each of whom hold the title of "Commissioner." For more information on SDC's programs and services, visit cr-sdc.org. Connect with us on Facebook www.Facebook.com/SDCMilwaukee and Twitter www.twitter.com/CRSDC.

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