



# Southern Company Workforce Development

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## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Southern Generation - Southern Nuclear - Southern Power - Southern Telecom - SouthernLINC Wireless



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# Challenges

- Lack of skilled craft workers:
  - ✓ build new infrastructure
  - ✓ install, maintain and repair equipment
  - ✓ operate facilities
- Unprecedented economic growth in the Southeast
- Demand exceeds supply





## Skilled Craft Labor

### **DIRECT**

### **Generating Plants**

Plant Control Operator
Auxiliary Equipment Operator
Coal Equipment Operator
Instrument Control Specialist
Nuclear Technician
Mechanic/Welder
Electrician

## **Distribution/Transmission**

Fleet Mechanic Lineworker

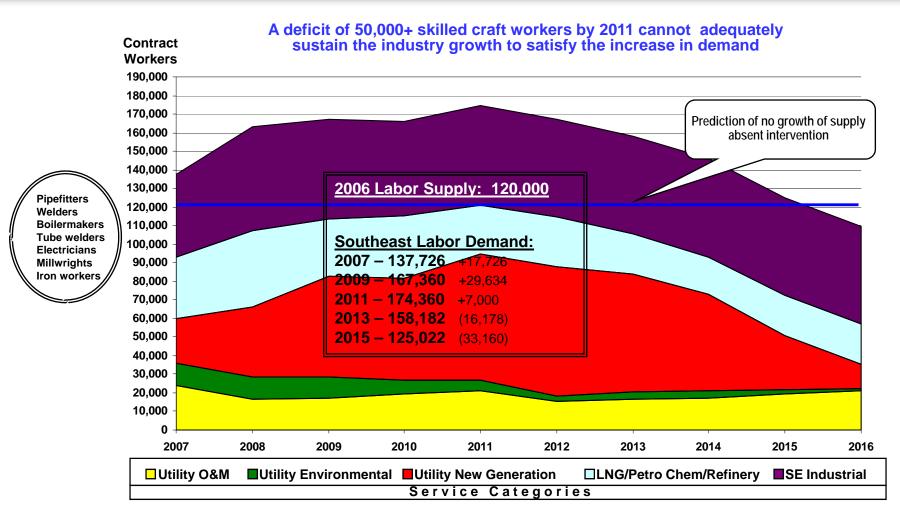
### INDIRECT

## **Generating Plants**

Pipefitters
Welders
Electricians
Boilermakers
Millwrights
Iron Workers



# Skilled Craft Labor Demand

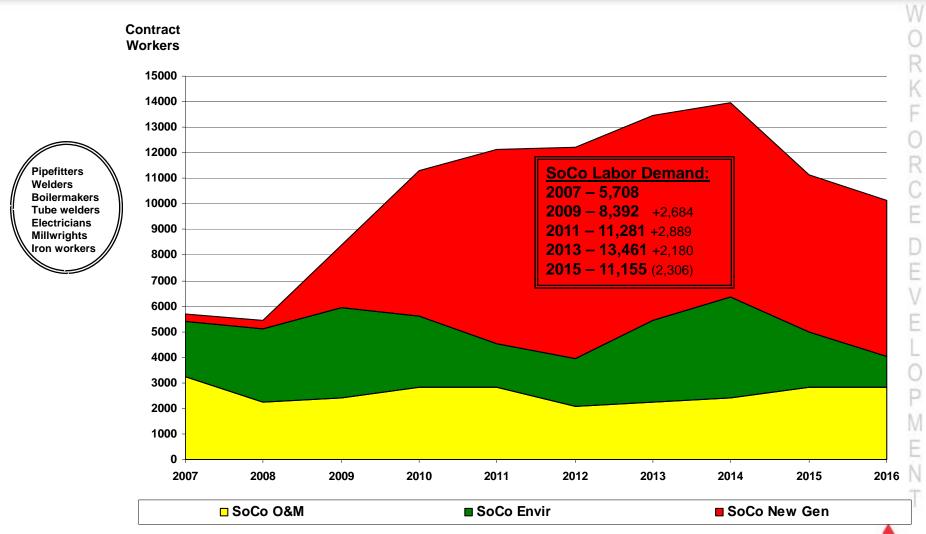


SOURCE: Industrial Information Resources (IRR) Listing of New Projects Report 2007; Southeast Manpower Tripartite Alliance (SEMTA) and Central Gulf Industrial Alliance (CGIA) data 2007





# Southern Company Skilled Craft Labor Demand



# What is So Co doing?



## So. Co. Workforce Development Council

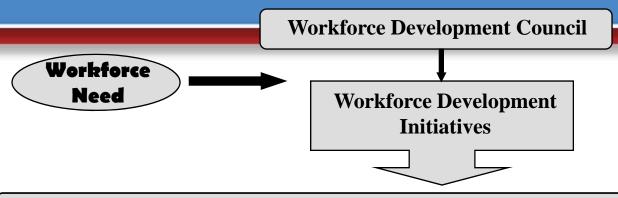
Leverage Southern Company and external resources to implement Workforce Development Initiatives that will *produce* a pipeline of qualified, diverse applicants for professional *skilled craft direct* and *indirect* labor







## So Co Workforce Development Strategy



### Career Awareness \* Branding \* Pipeline Development

#### **Education Programs**

#### K-12

- Academies
- HS & Comm. Coaches
- Work Ready Certificates

## Post-Secondary – Technical

- Lineworker Appr
- Process Tech
- Utility Tech

#### **Strategic Alliances**

#### National

- Ctr for Energy Workforce Dev
- Energy Prov Coalition for Ed
- Constr Workforce Dev Center Regional
- Southeast Manpower Tripartite
- Central Gulf Industrial Alliance State
- Energy Consortiums

#### **Untapped Labor Pools**

- Individuals with disabilities org.
- Jobs for America's Graduates
- Job Corps
- Military

#### **Events / Sponsorships**

- Career Tech Expos
- FIRST and BEST Robotics
- Science & Math Competitions

### CANDIDATES

Fulfill Workforce Need





## **National**

## Construction Workforce Development Center

- <u>Develop</u> a supply/demand forecasting model
- Market construction as rewarding career choice
- <u>Facilitate</u> training/placement through a "Choose Construction" initiative
- Promote qualified training and outreach programs
- <u>Encourage</u> construction owners to hire contractors engaging in these workforce development programs





# Construction Workforce Development Center

## Branding & Marketing

- Develop an marketing/recruiting strategy & website
- Enable candidates to choose their career path
- Implement the program regionally then nationally
- Partner with org. & employ their outreach programs
- Manage database of trained/placed workers
- Develop network for labor supply/demand forecasting
- Metric reporting of program outcomes

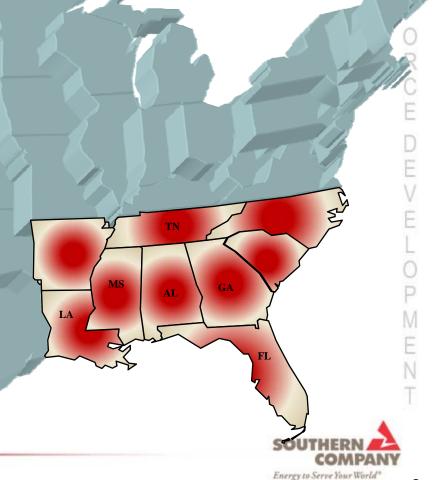




# **Construction Workforce Development Center**

- Campaign pilot will begin in Alabama
- Expand to contiguous states in a few months
- Campaign will expand nationally
- The web-based forecasting pilot be will be national

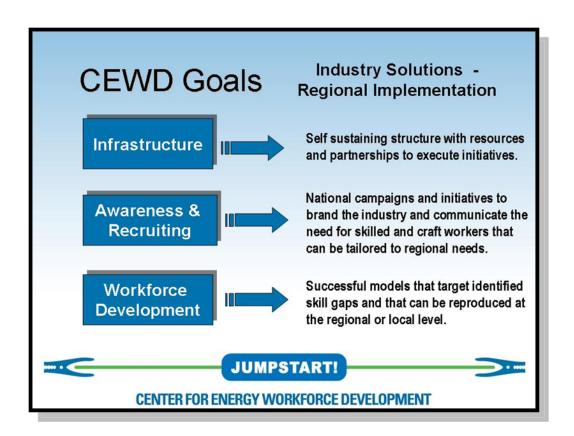
www.cwdcamerica.com





## **Partner - National**

# Center for Energy Workforce Development (CEWD)





www.cewd.org www.getintoenergy.com



# Southeast Manpower Tripartite Alliance (SEMTA)

- Owners, contractors and org. labor in the Southeast
- Focused on determining the craft labor needs for the above average regional growth and construction activity
  - ✓ Manage supply/demand gaps
  - ✓ Lower demand spikes
  - ✓ Share workforce recruitment best practices



# Partners - Regional

# Central Gulf Industrial Alliance (CGIA)

- Develop solutions to meet the increasing demand in the Gulf Coast (MS-FL) region
- Comprised of industry owners, contractors, and associations across the MS, AL and FL Gulf Coast area



# What will you do?

