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## **Construction/Maintenance Study: 78% Project Growth, But Also Report Increases in Union Labor Shortages**

ARLINGTON, VA – Contractors, labor representatives and owner-clients in the union construction and maintenance industry are significantly more optimistic about growth opportunities in 2017 and beyond (+20%) compared to last year, but they also report an increasing pervasiveness in union craft labor shortages. The key difference: some union crafts face greater labor shortfalls than others.

These are just a few findings of the 2017 Union Craft Labor Supply report, recently released by The Association of Union Constructors (TAUC). It has been designed to give construction professionals an in-depth understanding of the current state of union labor supply in the construction and maintenance industry throughout the United States. Want to know what kind of work schedule to employ to help ensure your project is adequately staffed, or how long on average it can take to obtain the craftworkers you need? It's all right here.

**The report is available as a free PDF download at [www.tauc.org/laborsupply](http://www.tauc.org/laborsupply).**

This is TAUC's third annual Union Craft Labor Supply report. It builds on previous studies (also available at the link above) and provides even more detail, data cuts and historical trend analysis. TAUC and the Construction Labor Research Council (CLRC) utilized a rigorous scientific methodology to analyze nearly 800 responses to a multi-question survey sent earlier this year to a cross-section of contractors, union representatives and owner-clients. The large sample size and carefully worded questions combine to make this one of the most useful labor supply reports available, and the **only** union-specific study focusing on construction and maintenance.

In addition to overall findings, the study also features numerous data cuts based on several demographics, including respondent categories, geographic regions and specific industries. Data are presented for each of 14 crafts individually, as well as aggregated, including both actual staffing levels for 2015 and 2016 and projections for 2017.

Highlights of the study include:

### **OUTLOOK MORE OPTIMISTIC FOR GROWTH**

This year, more than three quarters (78%) of all respondents said they expect the industry to grow by varying degrees. That percentage is up significantly from the 58% who



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