

## Home Builders Institute and DEWALT® Partner to Help Close the Skilled Labor Gap

The Home Builders Institute (HBI), the nation's leading nonprofit provider of trade skills training and education for the building industry has announced that DEWALT, a Stanley Black & Decker brand and leader in total jobsite solutions has become HBI's **BuildStrong Academy Tool Trade Sponsor**. HBI's BuildStrong Academy is a tuition-free, industry-driven academy that provides hands-on training and education for anyone interested in pursuing a career in construction. DEWALT's sponsorship will support this program and its mission to create one million jobs by 2035.

The partnership is part of DEWALT's larger Grow the Trades initiative, a commitment of \$30 million over five years to support organizations that are skilling, reskilling and upskilling tradespeople. DEWALT will also supply its professional tools and equipment to HBI's training centers across the country, where students will learn skills and gain the experience needed for successful careers in the trades.

"We are proud to partner with HBI's BuildStrong Academy, an organization that shares our vision of empowering the next generation of skilled tradespeople," said Frank Mannarino, President, Power Tools Group, Stanley Black & Decker. "The trades offer rewarding career opportunities and together with HBI, our goal is to provide training, education and resources to cultivate the future of the industry."

A BuildStrong Academy offers a range of programs and courses that cover various trades and skills, such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical, HVAC, and more. BuildStrong Academy is not just a school, but a community of learners, mentors, and partners who are passionate about building strong careers, a ready workforce, and a thriving economy.

"DEWALT is a trusted and respected brand in the construction industry, and we are thrilled to have them as our Tool Trade Sponsor," said Ed Brady, President, and CEO of HBI. "With their generous investment and donation, we will be able to enhance our training programs and facilities and equip our students with the tools they need to succeed in the trades. We are grateful for their commitment to Growing the Trades and supporting our mission of building strong careers, a ready workforce, and a thriving economy."

For more information about DEWALT, visit [dewalt.com/growthetrades](https://dewalt.com/growthetrades).

For more information about HBI's BuildStrong Academy, visit <https://hbi.org/>.

### About DEWALT

DEWALT, a Stanley Black & Decker brand, celebrates 100 years in business by continuing to provide our customers with total jobsite and landscaping solutions. By applying its latest technology to the challenges of today's skilled trades, DEWALT is leading the charge for the jobsite of the future and pioneering the next generation of tools, outdoor equipment and forward-looking technologies.

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### **About HBI**

HBI trains skilled workers for the building industry. It is the nation's leading nonprofit provider of trade skills training in residential construction. Through the organization's industry-recognized curriculum, HBI trains in a variety of skills including, carpentry, electrical, plumbing, building construction technology, HVAC, and masonry. In programs across the country, HBI provides pre-apprenticeship training and certification programs in middle and high schools; community colleges, technical institutes and training academies for middle and high school students, veterans and transitioning military, unemployed and displaced workers; and low-income, at-risk and justice-involved youth and adults.

The goals for all HBI programs, regardless of the population, is to train, credential and place students in industry-related employment or post-secondary education. These metrics, however, fall within the overarching goal we have for all those we serve – to provide individuals an opportunity to take control of their lives and become productive, self-sufficient citizens.