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## Support for Semiconductor Investment March 9, 2023

The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council is a statewide, umbrella organization comprised of six regional local councils and 31 affiliate unions representing tens of thousands of skilled tradespeople across and around Oregon. The Council was formed in 1940 to bring together building-related trades to protect the welfare of workers and learn from one another.

Today, we work together to fight for local jobs, fair wages, good working conditions, and public and private investments to fund a broad array of infrastructure projects. By dedicating funding to roads and bridges, broadband, airports, energy infrastructure, and economic development opportunities in all communities across Oregon, we can create family-sustaining jobs, increase safety, and build ladders of opportunity for women and other underrepresented individuals that want careers in construction.

As semiconductor companies located and expanded in Oregon during the last few decades, they turned to our Council to supply the skilled workforce necessary to build the complex facilities required for this type of manufacturing. Now, Oregon has the opportunity to expand this important industry by establishing a competitive process for companies to earn the state or local incentives required by the federal CHIPS Act.

The first of three federal funding opportunities opened at the end of February for projects to construct, expand, or modernize facilities for production of semiconductors. The skilled trades workers we represent, as well as future apprentices able to earn while they learn, stand ready to get to work.



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