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SWACCA Applauds National Apprenticeship Week
Partners with the Department of Labor to Highlight the Value of High-Quality Registered Apprenticeship Programs.

(Washington, DC)….. SWACCA (Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance) today announced its strong support for National Apprenticeship Week, a week-long recognition of the value of apprenticeships to the future U.S. workforce. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), National Apprenticeship Week runs November 12-18. National Apprenticeship Week highlights the benefits that privately-funded, high-quality registered apprenticeship programs -- such as those SWACCA sponsors with its union partners -- provide to American workers and their employers.

During National Apprenticeship Week, SWACCA is proud to partner with the Department of Labor to share real stories of the positive impact high-quality, registered apprenticeship programs have on workers and their employers. In a video released in conjunction with National Apprenticeship Week, DOL highlights the story of Michael Kagabines, a Navy veteran and employee of SWACCA member Sloan and Company. Also featured in the video is SWACCA Director Scott Casabona, President and CEO of Sloan and Company. To view the video go to: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtpYaMXvT4I](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtpYaMXvT4I).

“There’s no learning like hands-on learning,” said SWACCA President Matt Townsend. “That’s why SWACCA supports high-quality, registered apprenticeship programs that provide the opportunity for workers to earn industry leading wages and benefits while they learn new job skills and advance on a clear career path.”

SWACCA is a national leader in supporting and promoting high-quality, registered apprenticeships that are privately funded and jointly operated by management and labor. These programs give SWACCA members a workforce that provides the highest quality construction services in the wall and ceiling industry. This enables SWACCA member companies to offer industry-leading wages and benefits to their employees. In July, SWACCA’s status as a national leader in workforce training was acknowledged by SWACCA’s invitation to the White House to sign the Pledge to America’s Workers, promising 50,000 new training opportunities to men and women seeking careers in the construction industry at no cost to taxpayers.

For more information on National Apprenticeship Week go to: [www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/naw](http://www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/naw). To learn more about SWACCA registered apprenticeship programs, go to: [www.SWACCA.org/careers](http://www.SWACCA.org/careers).

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SWACCA (Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Alliance) is a national organization of wall and ceiling contractors committed to working in partnership with its workforce to provide the highest-quality, most efficient construction services possible to its customers. SWACCA represents companies that fully embrace their commitment to their customers and their employees.