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Salem Press Announces the First Edition of *Careers in Building Construction*

Salem Press is proud to announce the first edition of *Careers in Building Construction*. This publication contains over twenty-six alphabetically arranged articles describing specific fields of interest in this industry. Merging scholarship with occupational development, this single comprehensive guidebook provides those interested in a career in building construction with necessary insight into potential careers, and provides instruction on what job seekers can expect in terms of training, advancement, earnings, job prospects, working conditions, relevant associations, and more.

Understanding the wide variety of jobs in building construction is important for anyone preparing for a career within it. *Careers in Building Construction* comprises twenty-six lengthy chapters on a broad range of occupations including traditional and long-established jobs such as Architect, and Construction Manager, as well as in-demand jobs: Solar Energy Installer, Surveyor, and Civil Engineer. This excellent reference also presents possible career paths and occupations within high-growth and emerging fields in this industry.

Careers in Building Construction is also enhanced with numerous charts and tables, including projections from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, and median annual salaries or wages for those occupations profiled. Each chapter also notes those skills that can be applied across broad occupation categories. Interesting enhancements, like “Fun Facts”, “Famous Firsts”, and dozens of photos, add depth to the discussion. A highlight of each chapter is “Conversation With”, a two page interview with a professional working in a related job. The respondents share their personal career paths, detail potential for career advancement, offer advice for students, and include a “try this” for those interested in embarking on a career in this profession.

Length and Format

Overviews

Overviews range in length from 3,500 to 4,500 words and all entries begin with a Snapshot of the occupation that includes career clusters, interests, earnings, and employment outlook. Also included is a profile that outlines working conditions, educational needs, and physical abilities along with the occupation’s Holland Interest Score, which matches up character and personality traits with specific jobs.

Occupational Profiles:

Profiles range in length from 1,500 to 2,000 words and lists specific jobs that are related in some way, like Landscape Drafter, Urban and Regional Planner, and Architectural Drafter. This section also includes a list of Duties and Responsibilities.

Work Environment: a brief introduction to the physical, human, and technological environment of the occupation profiled.

Education, Training, and Advancement: outlines how to prepare for this occupation while in high school, and what college courses to take, including licenses and certifications needed. A section is devoted to the Adult Job Seeker, and there is a list of skills and abilities needed to succeed in the job profiled.

Earnings and Advancements: offers specific salary ranges, and includes a chart of metropolitan areas that have the highest concentration of the profession.

Employment and Outlook: discusses employment trends, and projects growth to 2020. This section also lists related occupations.

Selected Schools: list those prominent learning institutions that offer specific courses in the profiled occupations.

More Information: includes associations and other groups that the reader can contact for more information. Occupational Profiles also includes the **Transferable Skills** and **Careers Questionnaire** sections.

Several features distinguish this work from other career-oriented reference works. The back matter includes several appendixes and indexes, including a **Guide to Holland Code**, that discusses John Holland's theory that people and work environments can be classified into six different groups: Realistic; Investigative; Artistic; Social; Enterprising; and Conventional. A **General Bibliography** that suggests readings, organized into several major categories and a **Subject Index**, that includes people, concepts, technologies, terms, principles, and all specific occupations discussed in the occupational profile chapters.

Careers in Building Construction is specifically designed for a high school and undergraduate audience and is edited to align with secondary or high school curriculum standards. This title is an indispensable reference for anyone looking to excel in the building construction field.

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In addition, *Building Construction* comes with complimentary online access via <http://online.salempress.com>. A single purchase of the printed version is all it takes to gain access to this important title on the web.

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