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National Association of Women in Construction sponsoring Block Kids Building Competition

Woonsocket, RI –There won't be a labor shortage till 2025, right? Wrong, there is a labor shortage now. Specifically, there is a skilled labor shortage in construction trades like, carpenters, pipe layers, masons, engineers, architects and the list goes on. NAWIC of RI wants to help by sponsoring the Block Kids Building Competition. We help boys and girls open their eyes to the exciting possibilities in construction.

No. 1 of Rhode Island, Chapter 52 of the National Association of Women in Construction will be sponsoring the annual Block Kids Building Competition, January 26, 2016, 3:30 at the YWCA Rhode Island's Northern Rhode Island Campus, 514 Blackstone Street, Woonsocket. The completion allows children from K-6th grade use 100 lego type blocks, small stone, string, aluminum foil and their imagination to create a construction related project. This program is the perfect way to introduce young children to the construction industry.

The imagination part is the key. As you can envision, building a dream project with 100 blocks can be daunting. This is why during the judging and interview process; the children receive points for imagination, originality, and enthusiasm. In the past, children have built hospitals, hotels, construction sites, cranes, dump trucks, houses, garages, even structures on the moon. The top 3 contestants receive Walmart gift cards.

To help keep the momentum going after the competition, we are asking for donations of items such as; kid-sized hard hats (any color), small tool aprons, pens, pencils, rulers, note pads, and bags to put the goodies in. These items the children can take home with them to use. We anticipate 40 participants. Please, no food items. If you wish to donate or help in any way, contact Virginia Bragger at Virginia.Bragger@ejprescott.com.

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Corporate/Association Summary

NAWIC is an international association of women employed in construction, which promotes that industry and supports the advancement of women within it.

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