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**Leading the nation: Women construction workers to make
'herstory' at first-ever Women Build Boston convening headlined
by AG Maura Healey, U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh**

*Boston ranks #1 in the nation thanks to union
apprenticeship programs*

BOSTON: Women in the building trades will come together for the first-ever Women Build Boston conference this Saturday, October 8, highlighting Boston's leadership in making the construction industry more inclusive and diverse. The conference, dedicated to celebrating and uplifting women's role in building trades unions, will convene over 500 women across the trades. This event is open to women of all skill levels who work in the building trades across New England, as well as allies.

U.S. Secretary of Labor and former Mayor of Boston Marty Walsh, as well as **Massachusetts Attorney General and Democratic nominee for Governor Maura Healey**, will be among the over 500 attendees at the event, which comes at a time when [public approval of unions](#) stands at a 60-year high of 71%. Secretary Walsh will deliver the keynote address. Several Boston and Massachusetts elected officials will also be in attendance.

Women Build Boston is organized by the Greater Boston Building Trades Unions (GBBTU). Under a project labor agreement, the greatest tool for promoting equity in the construction industry, nearly 500 tradeswomen were part of Encore's construction crew, the largest number of women workers on any construction project in U.S. history.

WHO: Tradeswomen and allies

WHAT: Inaugural Women Build Boston Conference

WHEN: Saturday, October 8

WHERE: Encore Boston Harbor

“We are not only building our skyline; we are also building our labor movement,” said **Jenaya Nelson, a 25-year member of Laborers Local 223**. “What started as a small group of us has grown into a sisterhood of solidarity for thousands of Boston tradeswomen.”

Women Build Boston empowers attendees to expand their networks and develop their leadership potential through breakout sessions on workers’ rights, leadership, financial literacy, and mental health.

“Whenever I look at construction sites, I see women stepping up and paving the way for Boston’s future. I’m honored to be part of the surge in women’s participation and leadership in building trades unions,” said **Renee Dozier, Business Agent of IBEW Local 103**. “We’re creating not just a better Boston, but a better future for women workers.”

Boston leads the nation with its percentage of women in trade apprentices at more than triple the national average.

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The Greater Boston Building Trades Unions represents 35,000 working families in the Metropolitan Boston region. The building trades unions advance social and economic justice by providing family-supporting wages, healthcare benefits, and dignified retirement benefits to workers and their families in the construction industry.

The Building and Construction Trades Council, an umbrella group of 20 local construction unions, in partnership with more than 3,300 union contractors, provides the highest standards for workers in the construction industry. It is through collective bargaining and the Labor-Management partnership that workers achieve the highest levels of training, safety and economic security throughout their careers.

The Council strives to create a more fair and just environment for all workers in the construction industry.