

Alberta's construction industry has launched a consultative process to develop a strategy to help upskill the construction workforce. Alberta Construction Association recently commissioned a review of the impacts of changing technology on future skills for the construction workforce.

The project is being led by Alberta construction employer and labour organizations.

"Advanced Manufacturing Techniques, Smart Equipment, and Data Management offer the promise of more productive and safer workplaces. Alberta Construction Association is pleased to partner with our industry peers and the Government of Alberta to develop a roadmap to realize this promise."

**Ian Reid, Chairman, Alberta Construction Association**



"Technology is disrupting every area of the economy. Without a strategy to provide workers with the skills to utilize new technology, Alberta employers will not be able to innovate and invest in those technologies. That will leave the local industry at risk of falling behind international competitors who are becoming more efficient."

**Ronald Glen, MBA, Chief Executive Officer,  
Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association**



"An industry wide commitment to continuous learning, upskilling and workforce programs driven by technology advancements, will offer significant opportunity to improve the quality of the homes and communities we build, and will clarify the technical skills that are required now and well into the future."

**Carmen Wyton, CEO, BILD Alberta Association**



"This project will help the industry gain a better understanding of the challenges involved in upskilling the current provincial construction labour force and provide the industry with the roadmap it requires to achieve this important outcome."

**Bill Ferreira, Executive Director, BuildForce Canada**



"The workforce of the future will need an ever changing skill set to meet the needs of industry. Our Affiliates are constantly increasing their training programs so that members are the most efficient and cost productive option in the construction workforce. The Building Trades of Alberta is proud to be part of this process to review the impacts of technological changes."

**Terry Parker, Executive Director, Building Trades of Alberta**



"The future holds many challenges and opportunities for us here in Alberta, and across Canada. With this initiative our construction industry will be able to better meet these future technological and industry challenges. We look forward to the consultative process and the strategy that will be developed by this group."

**Brad Bent, Director of Training, Christian Labour Association of Canada**



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Industry appreciates the financial support for this project from the Canada-Alberta Labour Market Development Agreement.

The Province of Alberta is working in partnership with the Government of Canada to provide employment support programs and services.



The strategy, expected by the end of 2019, will provide industry leaders next steps in the skills agenda for Alberta's construction industry.

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