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Finding Top Opportunities In Roofing

(NAPSA)—If you're looking to climb the ladder of success you may want to follow the footsteps of those who have built successful careers in the roofing industry.

Things have been looking up for the roofing industry for many years, stimulating a demand for workers that remains strong today. Currently there are approximately 20,000 roofing contractors in the country with nearly 140,000 employees.

Moreover, some analysts feel roofing jobs are virtually "recession proof" since they don't necessarily rely on new construction contracts. In fact, 75 percent of roofing work is performed as part of repair jobs.

The field appeals to workers for a variety of other reasons as well:

- **Pay**—The industry offers wages that compare favorably with other construction trades. The average hourly wage for a union roofer is about \$25.00. Some individuals earn as much as \$80,000 a year and many have benefit packages that include profit sharing, 401(k) plans, life and health insurance and paid vacations.

- **Advancement**—The industry usually provides the opportunity to move through the ranks—from trainee to journeyman to foreman to supervisor to more senior management positions. In addition, roofing workers are often trained in the latest construction technology as the tools and techniques within the field advance.

- **Equal Opportunity**—The roofing industry is among the most ethnically diverse in the construction field. As a result, many roofing crews are bilingual or multi-lin-



The Benefits Of The Job—Many of today's roofing workers earn very good pay and have benefit packages, including insurance and 401(k) plans.

gual. In addition, growing numbers of women are being drawn to a roofing career because of its good pay and benefits, as well as the stability the field offers.

- **Work Conditions**—Roofing workers usually work outside and the labor is typically physical. Many in the industry enjoy not working behind a desk and the fact that their jobs help keep them physically fit.

To learn more, call a 24-hour, bilingual (English and Spanish), toll-free job information line at 1-888-ROOF-321. Ask for a free brochure and a listing of roofing contractors in your area with job openings.