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Women Workers Take To The Roof

(NAPSA)—One place many men are meeting women these days is on the roof.

As the number of new homes and commercial and industrial facilities keeps growing, there's a demand for skilled roofers and more women are taking advantage of this opportunity.

The nation's 30,000 roofing contractors need thousands of new employees to keep pace with robust reroofing, repair and new construction work.

For many women, roofing can be a good way to break through the glass ceiling of low-paid jobs. Entry-level roofers are trained and gain experience while earning good money.

Roofers earn wages and benefits that compare favorably with related construction trades, factory and other jobs—including the opportunity to earn as much as, or even more than, people with college degrees.

While roofing wages vary based on skill levels, geography and other factors, top earnings can reach as high as \$70,000 to \$80,000 and more.

"Roofing is an often-overlooked career option, but offers all the rewards that come with the challenges of building, construction and restoration," said William A. Good, executive vice president of the National Roofing Contractors Association—the NRCA.

There are several ways new roofers can get to the top:

- working for an experienced roofing contractor
- completing an approved apprenticeship program offered by a roofing contractor
- joining an apprenticeship program sponsored by various



The demand for roofers is growing and many women are using this opportunity to start at the top.

locals of the United Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers

To succeed at roofing, trainees should be:

- enthusiastic and eager to learn
- like being physically and mentally active in an outdoor "fresh air" setting
- enjoy working with their hands
- be willing to work at heights
- enjoy working side-by-side with others.

For more information about opportunities in roofing, call The Roofing Industry's 24-hour, toll-free job information hotline at 1-888-ROOF-321. Ask for a free brochure and a list of roofing contractors in your area with job openings.