



James R. Urtz, III
National Apprenticeship Director

Jim began his career as a Construction Craft Laborer in 1982 and is a long time member of LIUNA Local 633 in Syracuse, NY. Through his distinguished career in the field, he gained considerable expertise in many areas of the trade including concrete, masonry, and demolition/rehabilitation. Jim specialized in concrete work, where he distinguished himself as an accomplished craftsman through his many years of work experience and through achieving certification as an ACI Flatwork Finisher. Over the span of his years in the field, Jim honed his professional, administrative, and people skills through his experiences as a Steward and Foreman.

In 2000, Jim became an instructor at the Upstate New York Laborers' Training Fund, where he presented a wide range of courses related to construction skills and safety awareness. In 2006, Jim joined the LIUNA Training and Education Fund team. Jim brought with him an effective mix of instructional knowledge and field experience that he expertly incorporated into his training classes. His unique presentation style allows individuals to develop their skills in an interactive and highly supportive learning environment. Jim's strong work ethic and his ability to provide direction toward the implementation of organizational goals resulted in him being promoted to Curriculum Manager in 2009 and to his current position as National Apprenticeship Director for LIUNA Training in 2012.

Jim holds a Master of Science degree in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University and is a member of a number of industry and educational boards and committees.

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