

# NWCC Hosts Vocational Teachers

August 2008

Northwest College of Construction (NWCC), led by Tim Mosterdyke, Director of Education, hosted a week-long workshop for high school vocational/industrial instructors including five (5) from the soon to open ACE Academy charter school and four (4) others from school scattered around Oregon.

Steven Simms, Director of the Apprenticeship and Training Division of BOLI, kicked the event off, stating that he and the Labor Commissioner agreed that this kind of training is “cutting edge” and reflects the direction that the Commissioner wants BOLI and the Oregon education community to go.

Other participants in the weeks events were the Willamette Carpenters Training Center, (a function of the Carpenters Union) NECA/IBEW (union electricians), and SMACNA/SNWIA (union sheet metal workers).

Other partners included ACE Academy with presentations by Principal Mike Taylor, and the Oregon Building Congress with comments by Dick O’Connor, Executive Director.

Topics and highlights included:

- Using the NCCER (National Center for Construction Education & Research) Contren Learning Series—with tele-conference speaker, Karen Keith speaking from Florida
- “Contextual Teaching & Learning, Trish Lichau Shields PhD (from Concordia University)
- “What’s the difference between training & education?”, and “What is the difference between knowledge and understanding?”, Trish Shields
- “Syllabus & Lesson Plan Writing”, Tim Mosterdyke
- “Integration of Academic & Technical Education”, Elizabeth Gibson

The week wrapped up with tours of the training centers of the above listed organizations plus the NWCC facility and ITT Technical Institute.