

August 23rd, 2019

To all Business Managers,

As you all read about in the recent Journal, our General President has made the issue of Canadians working in the U.S. a priority for his team. We have received some potential good news in that regard that **may** result in 250 pipefitters and 50 welders being granted visas for an upcoming project.

We received word that a **CONDITIONAL** approval has been granted for the current project near Pittsburgh PA. The final approval will be subject to a review procedure when visas are reviewed en masse on October 1st of this year.

In the meantime, we need to submit applications for those members who would be interested in obtaining them should the approval be granted.

The details as we have them are as follows:

Name of Project – Pennsylvania Chemical – Shell Cracker
1 Broadhead Road, Monaca Pennsylvania
On the PA side of the Ohio river
Duration of Visa 1 year with possible extension.

Wages and Benefits (stated in USD)

Hourly rate for JM Pipefitter - \$45.50 hr***see #1 below

Hourly rate for JM welder - \$47.25 hr***see #2 below

H&W - \$10.92 hr ***see #3 below

Pension - \$11.65 hr ***see #4 below

Per diem - \$63.00 paid for days worked as well as holidays and inclement weather

Site Allowance - \$14.00 per day paid for days worked

Travel Card dues – 3% or voluntary deduction of 25 cents per hour

ALL employees are subject to pre-employment drug and alcohol test as well as random testing

Visa requirements:

The attached form must be filled out and submitted ASAP – the point of entry to be determined by each individual based on flight or driving arrangements they would make. Essentially it is where you would clear US immigration at border or airport.

***** #1 - Journeymen pipefitter**

All applicants must provide the following with application:

Copy of passport photo page

Current address

Place of birth – Province and country

Red Seal certification

Resume – our office will provide a framework if required

Proof of high school GED

Proof of two years pipefitting apprenticeship experience – letter from training and/or apprenticeship certificate

Proof of applying basic rigging skills

Experience with small power tools including dye grinder and aright angle- training and/or apprenticeship

***** #2 Journeyman welder**

Same as above but will be required to pass UA 63 and 15 as follows:

2-3/4 diameter pipe 0.625 wall thickness in 6G position

GTAW root and SMAW cap on super coupon

SMAW on a schedule 80 coupon

Welds will be radiographed

Ray Lemieux can assist on any information or assistance that may be required

***** #3 – H&W**

Health and Welfare will be reciprocated to your home plan providing that your trustees apply for and complete reciprocity documents

***** #4 – Pension**

Pension monies cannot be reciprocated to your home plan as per Federal law in both countries. The UA has a pension reciprocation protocol that has been in place for over ten years that allows for our members to accrue pension benefits in the UA National

Pension Plan. Providing that your trustees apply for and complete reciprocity documents, members will combine their vesting with their current home local plan for eligibility. This is a long-term project lasting 1-2 years and we need to provide the best tradespeople possible to ensure further applications being considered. As stated above this visa is for a one-year duration so we only want member applicants who are considering making a longer-term commitment. **If a member receives a Visa and then refuses or leaves employment no replacement will be allowed under government rules.**

Please forward all completed applications to the UA Canada office ASAP but no later than September 23rd to be considered.

Thank you for your consideration and if further clarification is required please contact your area UA Canada Representative.

Sincerely and Fraternaly



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