

UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTORS

When Local 1245 teamed up with Underground Constructors, Black and Veatch, and San Francisco's CityBuild program to host a job fair in March, everyone hoped the effort would connect city residents with some good-paying union jobs.

It has.



Welding part of the shoring system for a manhole.

A couple of months after the event, about two dozen people recruited through the job fair were at work for Underground Constructors on the trenching phase

of PG&E's Martin-Hunters Point Project. The project, managed by Black and Veatch, will connect two PG&E substations with a 5.1-mile-long 115kV transmission line, increasing electric reliability for San Francisco.

"It's been good," said Andrew McManus, Project Manager for Underground Constructors. "I have nothing but positive things to say about the crew out here."

When the Utility Reporter visited four jobsites on June 2, the Underground Constructor crews had already logged 25,000 hours without a reportable safety incident. And according to McManus, the job was staying on-time.

"Our guys have been meeting and exceeding expectations," he said.



Marquez Boyd, one of the job fair recruits, is about to finish up some welding.



(ABOVE AND BELOW) Dirt from the trenching will be hauled away and disposed of by a contractor.



The trench has to be covered back up at the end of each workday.



Traffic control is critical for safety, especially in a heavily-trafficked urban setting.

