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## **PCA Statement on Skills Development Funding**

"The Skills Development Fund (SDF) has been a game changer for the construction industry. The funds have enabled innovative training partnerships, pathways and programs that have served to attract and support many new entrants to the skilled trades. While PCA has never received funding from the SDF directly, our members have been pleased to partner with CLAC, whose Skills Development funded boot camps have given hundreds of young people across the province, the chance to explore rewarding careers in the trades."

"Additionally, our small and medium-sized employers have found great value in the SDF supported Group Sponsorship Program. This program assists employers in registering new apprentices, providing supports and most importantly is focussed on mentoring apprentices so they can advance and complete their pathway to becoming a licensed journeyperson."

Karen Renkema, VP Ontario, PCA

## **About the Progressive Contractors Association of Canada (PCA)**

PCA is a national association of leading construction companies that build major infrastructure and capital projects. Its members employ more than 40,000 unionized construction workers who are represented primarily by CLAC. PCA advocates for a fair, open and competitive construction market.

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