



Congressional Visit: U.S. Representative Blunt Rochester Tours Worker Training Center in Delaware

In early April, the Chemical Industry Labor-Management Committee coordinated a visit for [Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester](#) (DE-At-Large) to an apprenticeship training facility to learn more about the CILMC partnership and the extensive training provided by CILMC labor trustees to prepare their members for jobs constructing and maintaining chemical facilities throughout the country.

Each year, [North America's Building Trades Unions](#) (NABTU) unions and their signatory contractor partners invest over \$2 billion in private-sector money to fund and operate over 1,900 apprenticeship training and education facilities across North America. These jointly administered facilities work closely with employers to identify their particular skilled craft needs and students “earn while they learn” and receive debt-free comprehensive safety and skills training for jobs in their area.

Congresswoman Blunt Rochester toured the Construction Craft Laborers Delaware Training Center in Newark, DE with representatives from [CILMC trustees](#) LIUNA (Local 199), the American Chemistry Council (ACC), and the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART), as well as the Delaware AFL-CIO and Delaware Building and Construction Trades Council.



During the visit she dropped in on a class in session and interacted with students and expressed great interest in the use of Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) technologies to help train building trades workers. She practiced operating a lift via VR technology and used a remote control to operate a cement drill to get a quick lesson on how to operate the latest equipment being used by building and construction workers on the job.