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NAHB Chairman Greg Ugalde and four workers in the construction trades attended today's White House event commemorating the first anniversary of President Trump's executive order that established the National Council for the American Worker.

The president and White House Advisor Ivanka Trump announced that more than 300 companies have pledged to educate and train 12 million new workers over five years.



President Trump, White House Advisor Ivanka Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and business leaders discuss the progress of the initiative.

NAHB is a participant in this worthwhile endeavor and in a statement commending the White House commitment to workforce development, Ugalde said:

"NAHB applauds President Trump for his tireless commitment to expand job-training and apprenticeship opportunities for students and mid-career workers alike so that they will develop the skills and tools needed to secure well-paying jobs and succeed in the American workforce.

"With the housing industry grappling with severe labor shortages, NAHB is pleased to do its part to help in this vital initiative by pledging to train 50,000 new workers over a five-year period for a career in the residential construction trades. Our commitment to workforce training starts with the Home Builders Institute (HBI), a member of the NAHB federation, and a national leader in workforce training for the construction industry."

The National Housing Endowment, the philanthropic arm of NAHB, also contributes to this effort by supporting innovative and effective programs, scholarship and grants that further education, training and careers in the residential construction industry.



Greg Ugalde waits with the students at the White House for the event to begin.

Attending the event along with Ugalde were Gustavo Ramirez-Rodriguez and Champagne Smith, HBI electrical students at the Potomac Job Corps Center in Washington, D.C.; Cullen Klebe, a 19-year-old student who became interested in a trades career after attending Iowa's Build My Future event; and Patrick Pinnone, who is the first marine student to graduate from HBI's training program at the Fort Bragg Career Center.

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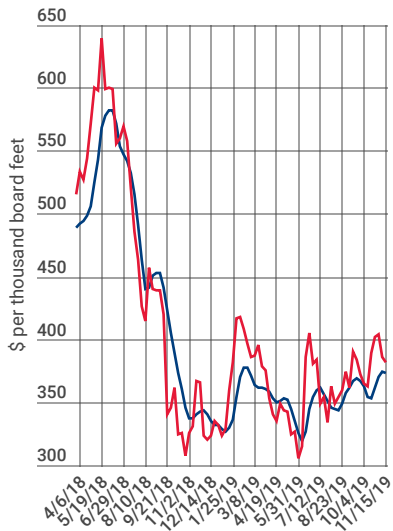
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