

Demonstrating Skills for Industry—and Governors

LOCAL UNION 105 SHOWS AIR BALANCING, TRAINING PROGRAMS AT AN INDUSTRY CONFERENCE



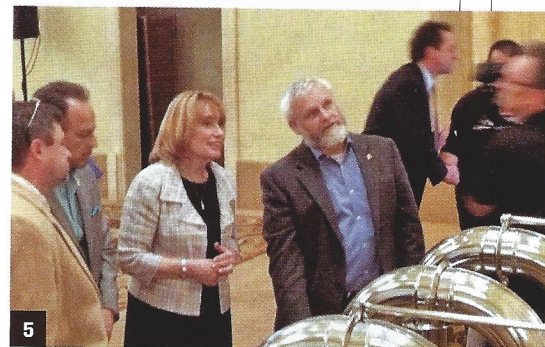
In December 2014, Sheet Metal Local 105 was invited to the Montage Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, CA, to showcase their training programs to an audience of Pharmaceutical Industry Labor-Management Association (PILMA) representatives, California Biopharmaceutical Industry Labor-Management Association (CBPILMA) representatives, and state governors from the Democratic Governors Association (DGA).

For more than 10 years, PILMA has united the biopharmaceutical industry and union workers with dual goals of fostering innovation of life-saving cures and securing high-quality union construction jobs. As the partnership has grown over the years, so has the impact. Both parties recognize the strength in their partnership: a strong industry naturally leads to good jobs and a vibrant economy.

The pharmaceutical industry members of PILMA recognize that the most highly skilled workers are needed to construct and maintain the top-flight research and manufacturing facilities.

Following each new drug trial, research facilities must be wiped clean; entire systems must be changed, surfaces must be sterilized, and other equipment must be replaced. This requires highly skilled, reliable labor that the industry can depend on to do the job right.

America's building trades unions spend upward of \$1 billion training their members each year. With state-of-the-art training facilities all over the country, the building trades are ready to meet the needs of today and the challenges of tomorrow. Without a doubt, SMART members will play an important role in the sheet metal and HVAC work needed to sustain this ever expanding industry need. ■



1 · Left to right, DGA Vice Chair and Democratic New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan hears about various parts of the sheet metal trade from Local 105 Training Coordinator Jason Levine and Local 105 Apprenticeship Director Leslie Reinmiller.

2 · Local 105 Business Manager Luther Medina (left) explains to Governor Hassan (D-NH) the importance of a skilled sheet metal workforce in the pharmaceutical industry.

3 · Air pressure system and SMART display.

4 · Local 105 business manager Luther Medina (left) and Governor John Hickenlooper (D-Colorado), chairman of the DGA, share a light moment during the presentation.

5 · Left to right, NEMI Director of Education Gary Andis and Local 105 Business Manager Luther Medina, demonstrate to Governor Maggie Hassan (D-New Hampshire) the importance of having a well-balanced air system in the pharmaceutical industry, with help from Local 105 apprenticeship administrator Lance Clark.