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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bulletin is to inform the Office of Apprenticeship (OA) staff of an approved amendment to the International Pipe Trades Joint Training Committee National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards/Selection Procedures requested by Mr. Michael P. Arndt, Director of Training, of the United Association.

**BACKGROUND:** The International Pipe Trades Joint Training Committee requested and received approval by the OA Administrator on May 10, 2006, for the revision of Section VII of their Selection Procedures (Appendix E – Section VII, Alternative Selection Method) proposing a new addition to the existing Selection Procedure for Direct Entry for Hurricane Katrina Affected Areas and Skill Shortages for Certified Welders.

This request has been approved with the understanding that local Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees (JATCs) will maintain and have available records, which will disclose the impact which each approved selection method has on employment opportunities for women and minorities into the apprenticeship program if they are being underutilized.

**ACTION:** OA staff should conduct regular compliance reviews in order to determine whether any of the components within the Selection Procedures are having an adverse impact on minorities and/or women.

**NOTE:** This bulletin is being sent via electronic mail.

[International Pipe Trades-Qualifications and Selection Procedures Revised Appendix E](#)