

# Is a Career as a Substation Technician Right for You?

Do you want to learn skills you never thought possible? That's one question Mark Theyerl will ask apprentices applying for the new Substation Technician Program. Having spent more than 25 years working in the electrical power distribution industry, Theyerl knows what it takes to succeed as a substation technician. He is excited to share his experience, both as a substation technician and a certified instructor, when the first group of apprentices begins training this June in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

### The Future Looks Good for Substation Technicians

According to Theyerl, the opportunities for a rewarding career as a substation technician have never been better. "More and more substation technicians from the baby boom generation are retiring, and that means openings for aprentices who are committed to quality workmanship," notes Theyerl. In addition, investor-owned utilities are building more transmission/distribution stations and do not have the workforce to construct or maintian facilities. "As long as individuals and businesses need electrical power, there will always be a need for highly trained and dedicated substation technicians."

## Your Career as a Substation Technician Begins Here

"Your success as a substation technician will be dependent on your knowledge of electricity, physical strength and stamina, ability to work in nearly all weather conditions and technical capacity to understand drawings and schematic diagrams," explains Theyerl, who will oversee the substation technician program. The job of a substation technician is a unique specialty within the electrical construction industry, and this program is designed to give you the skillset necessary for success, including working with transformers, circuit breakers and other electrical equipment, steel construction, wiring, testing and more. "Most importantly, the program will teach you how to do your job in a safe and timely manner," Theyerl adds.

## More Questions from Theyerl

"Not everyone has the right attitude to become a substation technician," admits Theyerl. "Ask yourself the following questions and if you answer 'yes,' then we want you to apply for this new program and begin to experience the challenges and rewards of an exciting career as a substation technician."

- Are you a team player devoted to completing a job safely and in a timely manner?
- Do you have a commitment to quality workmanship with a pride in ownership?
- Do you want to play a part in rebuiling America's electrical grid and infrastructure?
- Are you committed to working long hours in all types of weather to maintain the integrity of the electrical grid?

Click here to learn more about the Substation Technician Program.

### More About The Missouri Valley Constructors Apprenticeship & Training Program:

The apprenticeship program based in Indianola, Iowa, is one of seven locations operated by the organization. The others are in the states of Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. The Iowa program occupies a training facility, which includes an outdoor pole yard. The Iowa program trains thousands of apprentice linemen each year.

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