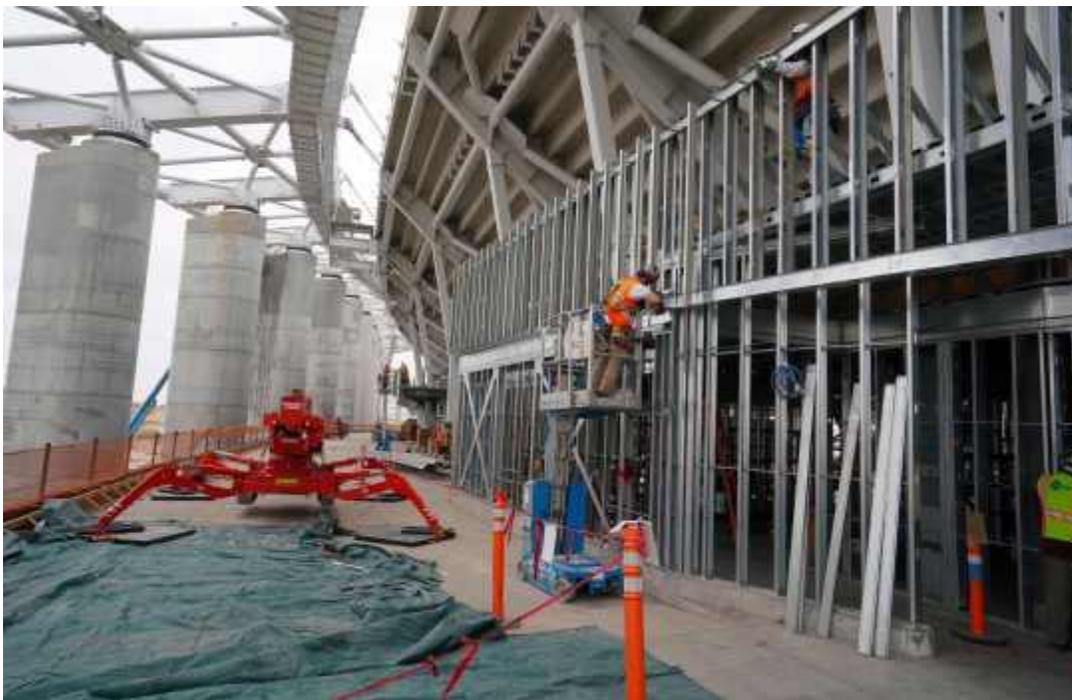


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NFL stadium project job fair seeks construction workers in Inglewood



Construction workers install metal wall studs as work continues on the new LA Stadium site in Inglewood. It will become home to the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers. (Photo by Scott Varley, Daily Breeze/SCNG)

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A job fair Thursday will seek more electricians, painters and other tradesmen to help complete the massive Inglewood stadium and future home of the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers.

The stadium, with more than 3,000 construction workers already on-site, is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2020. It's the centerpiece of a 298-acre development that will include a 6,000-seat performing arts venue, 780,000 square feet of office space, 890,000 square

feet of retail space, a hotel, 2,500 living units, conference and meeting space and 25 acres of public parks, open space, pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths.

The [LA Stadium and Entertainment District at Hollywood Park](#) (LASED) will hold Thursday's hiring event from 9 a.m. to noon at Rogers Park, 400 W. Beach Ave., Inglewood. It will feature 14 trade contractors, nine unions and 12 work source and training partners as well as representatives from LASED.

Those seeking more information about job opportunities can call 310-743-5186, email lastadium@tcco.com or visit LAStadiumAtHP.com/opportunities.

"We have about 150 people out there working through our various contractors," said Jesse Ayala, a business representative with [Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, Transportation Local 105](#) in Glendora. "They are working on HVAC installation, architectural sheet metal, sheet metal flashing on the roof and installation of kitchen equipment."

Ayala said some of the contractors affiliated with his union will be on hand Thursday in search of new hires.

"They'll be offering introductions to our industry and looking to hire potential candidates who want to get into the sheet metal industry," he said. "This is the largest project we have going right now, and we're having a difficult time manning all of the jobs."



The 70,000-seat LA Stadium in Inglewood will be expandable to 100,000 seats. It's scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2020. (Rendering courtesy of the LA Stadium and Entertainment District at Hollywood Park)

Thursday's job fair is aimed at hiring workers to complete the 70,000-seat [LA Stadium](#), which will be expandable to 100,000 seats. It will also house 260 luxury suites, more than 13,000 premium seats and about 3 million square feet of usable space.

The project has already had a far-reaching impact in terms of jobs and the local economy.

More than 1,200 of the positions filled have come from the surrounding community and have generated more than \$58 million in wages and \$555 million in construction contracts, according to LASED.

Depending on the specific job and a worker's experience, the positions pay anywhere from \$15 an hour to more than \$60 an hour, according to Jason Witt, community and citizenship coordinator for Turner AECOM Hunt, general contractor for the stadium project.

"This opens the door for the local community to get involved with the workforce," Witt said. "That is one of our primary goals."

Jan Vogel, CEO of the [South Bay Workforce Investment Board](#), said his agency has placed nearly 900 people in stadium construction jobs, either through direct hiring or apprenticeship programs.

"We are really proud that we have gotten so many hired there, and that so many of them are Inglewood residents," he said. "This is a terrific project for the community."

The stadium will feature a variety of sporting events and has already secured Super Bowl LVI in February 2022, the College Football National Championship game in 2023 and opening and closing ceremonies for the 2028 Olympic Games.

It will also play host to concerts and other entertainment year-round.



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