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Whitmer Asks LEO To Develop Infrastructure Workforce Plan

In the next year, the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity will develop a statewide strategy to meet infrastructure workforce goals under an executive directive issued Monday by [Governor Gretchen Whitmer](#).

The [directive](#) calls for the department to work with other departments achieve workforce outcomes with a goal of training 5,000 infrastructure workers in the state by January 1, 2030.

"We are building up our infrastructure in Michigan, from our roads and bridges to our pipes and high-speed internet," Whitmer said in a statement. "To help us get the job done, I am signing an executive directive today that will help train 5,000 new infrastructure workers. Thanks to our partners in the Biden-Harris administration, we have already received more than \$10 billion to build up our infrastructure and there are billions more headed our way for advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and so much more. Let's harness this extraordinary opportunity by creating good-paying, high-skill job opportunities for Michiganders."

Rob Coppersmith, executive vice president of the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association, said in a statement that the state will need a strong workforce to fix roads and bridges as the state moves toward implementing a long-term infrastructure plan.

"Michigan's construction industry stands ready to build the infrastructure that future generations will rely on, and we're excited by the Governor's action to grow our construction workforce," he said.

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