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## Youth Apprenticeship Modernization

### Thank You for Representing the Industry!

In Fall of 2020, DWD and the Wisconsin Operating Engineers launched a pilot for an Operating Engineers Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program. Youth apprenticeship is a blend of classroom instruction (provided by the online courses through Destinations Career Academy) and 450 hours of paid work experience.

In 2021, DWD began the process modernizing all youth apprenticeship programs to ensure the programs align with industry needs. Even though the Operating Engineer program is new, they are required to complete the review.

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If you are interested in learning more about YA or employing a Youth Apprentice for the summer or fall, please contact Laura Cataldo at [laura.cataldo@bakertilly.com](mailto:laura.cataldo@bakertilly.com) or 608-616-2835.

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