



The Heavy News Weekly



The Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate program is officially here



The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, Manitoba Construction Sector Council and Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology hosted a partnered news conference to announce the launch of the new program

The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association (MHCA), Manitoba Construction Sector Council (MCSC) and Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology (MITT) publicly announced the launch of their new Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate (HEOC) program today at a news conference, held on campus at MITT.

Key stakeholders and supporters, including Chris Lorenc, President of MHCA; Paul Holden, President & CEO of MITT; Carol Paul, Executive Director of MCSC; Minister Kevin Chief; Eldon Krebs of Brandt Tractor; and Mickey Stanley of Toromont CAT, attended the launch event and welcomed students from MITT to see first-hand all that this new program has to offer.

Lorenc is proud to bring the Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate program, and its leading technologies and curriculum, to the heavy construction industry and all future students/workers who wish to be a part of it.

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"Our industry has demonstrated the need for the heavy equipment operator certificate program, whose development has been in the works for a number of years. This announcement today heralds the dawn of training new and enhancing the skill-sets of existing heavy equipment operators for the industry today and tomorrow, utilizing technologies that can precisely test skills, abilities and project aptitudes going forward. It heralds opportunities for affordable, accessible and remote access for interested workers, almost regardless of location, across the province."

Holden equally shares his excitement for this new program and all it means for students and their future career paths in heavy construction.



Chris Lorenc, MHCA; Paul Holden, MITT; and Minister Kevin Chief gather around and watch MITT students test out the new HEOC simulators

"Whether it's for new employees or professional development refresher to top up on existing skills, the [Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate] program expands access and support for both employers and employees in their quest for direct and relevant training."

And Paul expresses her commitment to the heavy construction industry and how the new Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate program will enhance industry and its approach to education and training.

"The mandate of the Manitoba Construction Sector Council is to assist the heavy construction industry stakeholders to develop solutions to their current and future human resource needs. Our primary goal is to upgrade skills throughout the industry and promote the benefits of working in the construction sector," says Paul. "We knew the [Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate program] had to reflect good adult learning principles - that integrated theory, simulator training and practical application - and I'm proud to say we have an industry-driven program that is academically-sound and clearly aligned to the needs of the heavy construction industry."

The Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate program will be exclusively held at the Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology and will officially begin in January 2016. The program will provide students with the background training needed to operate crawler tractors, hydraulic excavators, motor graders and rubber tire loaders, with a built-in practicum component, over the course of one year.

Graduates will possess marketable heavy equipment operator skills - along with safety, health, environment and leadership skills - and gain new opportunities for employment in various areas of the heavy construction industry, including sidewalk, road and highway construction; sewer and watermain installation and repair; sub-trade work related to construction of bridges; excavation, crushing and aggregate work.

To learn more about the *Heavy Equipment Operator Certificate* program and how it can advance you and your career in the heavy construction industry, contact Manitoba Institute of Trades and Technology at at **204-989-6500** or visit **www.mitt.ca**.

Nicole Chabot escapes the island: raised over \$170,000 in STARS CEO Rescue on the Island challenge

Nicole Chabot recently undertook the STARS CEO *Rescue on the Island* challenge and raised over \$170,000!

Chabot says that her experience, participating in the STARS challenge, was an incredibly memorable one. Her time on the Island was action-packed - taking on bonus challenges, including the task of building shelters from island materials, and the blindfold taste-test - and is proud of her team and all they accomplished together.

"I had an opportunity to meet and get to know my generous competitors and I'm proud to say that they're a lovely group of people. We had a great time together, sharing a lot of laughs and some great stories from this experience," says Chabot. "We had a great dynamic, where we all brought out the best in each other to drive and really strategize the fundraising effort for STARS and I'm excited and so proud to report that the heavy construction industry has successfully raised over \$22,000.00 during this event - and the amount continues to grow!"

Chabot's team also faced a few medical challenges occur first-hand, which gave them a fresh perspective at what the STARS crews face in the field each and every day.

"Seeing the STARS crew out in the field really gives you an appreciation for the important work they're doing on a daily basis for Manitobans. And getting to meet the amazing STARS team was a wonderful experience - they're an amazing group of passionate and hardworking people. I know I will be a STARS supporter for life!"

Chabot's experience with STARS *CEO Rescue on the Island* challenge was a great success and is truly thankful for all the support she received from the heavy construction industry.

"I want to thank all of my supporters who were driving my participation in this challenge; their immense generosity really pushed me to give my all for STARS and made this event such a success."

To learn more about STARS and their ongoing missions across Canada, as well as upcoming *Rescue on the Island* challenges, visit www.stars.ca.



Nicole Chabot arriving at the island and about to embark on the CEO Rescue on the Island Challenge



Nicole Chabot at her "island office"

5 Questions for Federal Leaders on the Economy

Originally published by The Huffington Post, written by Raymond Louie

Tomorrow federal leaders will gather in Calgary for the second debate of the campaign. This time around the focus will be on municipalities.

This is not, of course, how the Globe and Mail is billing Thursday night's event. Officially the debate will centre on the economy. But it is difficult to imagine how a serious discussion on the strength of Canada's economy can avoid a substantial debate over the future of Canada's cities and communities.

Thirty-three municipalities in Canada produce more than 70 per cent of the country's GDP. Municipalities own 60 per cent of the public infrastructure including roads, bridges, public transit and water systems. And according to the Canadian Urban Transit Association, for every dollar invested in transit, three more are generated in economic growth.

But Canadians don't need policy papers to tell them municipalities are at the centre of Canada's economy; it's obvious to all of us.

Imagine a discussion of the economy that does not touch on, where you live, where you work, where you shop, where you invest in a home, in an education, where your kids grow up.

The economy is not an abstract concept to be debated like some complex math equation. It is the day to day moments of our life that tell us whether it is safe to dream of something better for ourselves and for our children.

The truth is this: on Thursday night, if a party leader does not spell out a serious plan to work with cities and municipalities, then don't be fooled. They don't have a serious plan for jobs and the economy.

With that in mind, here are five questions federal political leaders need to answer in Thursday night's debate:

1. Gridlock is grinding down the economic potential of this country, what is your plan to reduce traffic congestion in Canada's cities?
2. Roads and bridges are the essential pathways to prosperity for our country. What is your plan to invest in municipal infrastructure over the long term?
3. The Bank of Canada calls the high cost of housing in this country, one of the economy's greatest domestic threats. What is your plan to make housing more affordable and to increase the supply of social housing for the country's most vulnerable?
4. Calgary knows all too well the cost to the economy of once in a generation natural disaster that are becoming increasingly frequent. What is your plan to ensure the engines of our economy are built to withstand the impact of climate change?
5. Rural Canada produces 30 per cent of Canada's GDP. For rural towns and remote communities to continue growing they need to be globally connected. What is your plan to bring broadband infrastructure to rural and remote municipalities?

We are now less than six weeks away from the federal election. The answers to these questions will tell Canadians which party has the best plan for the economy. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is keeping track of party promises on these issues.

Before Thursday night's debate, I encourage all Canadians to visit our policy tracker tool and review our roadmap. Let's see how the leaders' promises stack up against the real needs of the economy.



Get Involved in the Federal Election

Canada will go to the polls on October 19. Do you know what the leaders of the major political parties think about construction-related issues? Do you know who the candidates are in your riding and whether they are up to speed on construction issues? The Canadian Construction Association (CCA) - of which the MHCA is member - has gathered some tools for you on its election portal.

Visit cca-acc.com/en/information/election-2015 today!

Interviews with the Leaders

Michael Atkinson, CCA President, interviewed the leaders of the major political parties this spring. You can read the interviews with Stephen Harper, Elizabeth May, Thomas Mulcair and Justin Trudeau on the Election 2015 portal.

Is Your Candidate Well-informed?

In every election there are many candidates running for the first time. They, and the incumbents for that matter, may not realize how important construction is to Canada's prosperity. The CCA Election 2015 portal includes a widget that you can use to identify the candidates in your riding and to send them a letter educating them on issues of importance to the Canadian construction industry.

Based on your postal code, the widget shows you the candidates in your riding. You can choose one or several candidates to send the letter that CCA has prepared. The letter focuses on the three areas that are expanded on in the backgrounders posted on the election portal, namely Infrastructure and Prosperity, Education and Labour Force Development, as well as Taxation, Environment and Productivity. By using the election widget, you educate the candidates in your riding about important issues that affect your and other Canadians' livelihood and help CCA lobby for you.

Avoiding Future Fiscal Calamity Tied to Insufficient Infrastructure Funding

The letter recommends that as a country, our goal should be to return annual public investments in infrastructure to approximately 5 per cent of our annual gross domestic product and to commit to a plan that is:

- fiscally responsible and augments existing investments through the use of innovative partnerships between the public and private sectors;
- sustainable yet flexible enough to respond to the specific needs of individual communities; and
- permanent in order to provide all stakeholders with the certainty they require to make the necessary investments in the human and equipment resources they will require to respond to the infrastructure challenge.

Economy's Demands Require Greater Focus on Training

Another area of concern for CCA members is that of skilled labour. With labour shortages widespread in many regions of the country and the industry looking at a shortfall of nearly 300,000 workers by 2024, a greater focus on training will be imperative to ensure that the industry can continue to respond to the demands of our economy. Solutions will require a combination of measures to promote enhanced domestic training, and faster and timelier recruitment of skilled immigrants from abroad.

Expand Use of Tax Incentives to Encourage Productivity

CCA encourages federal public policy makers to expand the use of tax incentives to encourage businesses to invest in productivity enhancements. Incentives such as the use of accelerated depreciation policies (capital cost allowance) for investments in fixed machinery and equipment are helping make Canada's manufacturing sector more competitive. CCA strongly recommends that the federal government extend the benefits of the current Class 29 depreciation rate of 50 per cent declining balance to mobile equipment in machinery in other Classes.

The CCA election portal also features what has been said on the campaign trail as well as summaries of the election debates. We hope that you visit the election portal and find the information useful. It's time to get informed and to get involved!

We encourage you to participate as individuals.



Chris Lorenc, B.A., LL.B.
President
MHCA

CCA 2015/ Get Involved in the Federal Election



WCR&HCA 2016 Convention
Maui, Hawaii
February 7-10, 2016

The WCR&HCA Convention Committee is proud to present this year's keynote speakers

John Baird & Todd Hirsch



**The Honourable
John R. Baird, P.C.**

Senior Business Advisor, Bennett Jones
Former Canadian Foreign Minister



Todd Hirsch

Chief Economist, ATB Financial
Author

An exceptional educational program is planned along with an exciting social program offering plenty of opportunities to network.

Don't miss your opportunity to be **"Where the West Meets"**!

Online registration coming soon!

Western Canada Roadbuilders & Heavy Construction Association Convention
Sunday, February 7 to Wednesday, February 10, 2016
Fairmont Kea Lani
Wailea Coast, Maui, Hawaii

Registration & Convention Information contact: Unconventional Planning Inc.,
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www.wcrhca.org



Reporting Workplace Injuries Matters



The goal

Increase awareness that workplace injuries should be reported to the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba (WCB)

What's it about?

This campaign will raise awareness and knowledge of injury reporting responsibilities among employers and workers to ensure workplace injuries are reported so injured workers get the benefits they need

What are the key messages?

- Report workplace injuries – it's your right, and it's the law
- Get the benefits you deserve quickly – coverage of lost wages; a full range of healthcare services; and a timely and safe return to meaningful work
- The WCB provides service that is fast, easy, caring, right and clear
- Injury reporting identifies hazards so they can be prevented in the future

Where will you see it?

TV, radio, billboards, online, transit, doctors' offices

Call to action

If you're injured at work:

1. Tell your supervisor
2. Get healthcare if required
3. Report your injury directly to the WCB – call 204-954-4100 in Winnipeg or toll free 1-855-954-4321

Visit wcb.mb.ca for information on injury reporting and return to work in multiple languages



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Training Schedule

September

Flagperson (1/2 day PM)	Sept. 8	MHCA Office
Traffic Control Coordinator	Sept. 10 - 11	MHCA Office
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Sept. 14 - 15	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Sept. 16	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	Sept. 17 - 18	MHCA Office
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Sept. 14 - 15	Rockey View B&B
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Sept. 16	Rockey View B&B
COR™ Auditor	Sept. 17 - 18	Rockey View B&B
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Sept. 14 - 15	Russell Regional Multiplex
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Sept. 16	Russell Regional Multiplex
COR™ Auditor	Sept. 17 - 18	Russell Regional Multiplex
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	Sept. 21	MHCA Office
TDG (1/2 day PM)	Sept. 21	MHCA Office
Excavating and Trenching (1/2 day AM)	Sept. 22	MHCA Office
Committee/Representative Training (1/2 day PM)	Sept. 22	MHCA Office
Train the Trainer	Sept. 23 - 24	MHCA Office

October

COR™ Auditor Refresher (1/2 day AM)	Oct. 2	MHCA Office
COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Oct. 5 - 6	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Oct. 7	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	Oct. 8 - 9	MHCA Office
Flagperson (1/2 day AM)	Oct. 19	MHCA Office
Committee/Representative Training (1/2 day PM)	Oct. 19	MHCA Office
WHMIS (1/2 day AM)	Oct. 20	MHCA Office
TDG (1/2 day PM)	Oct. 20	MHCA Office

November

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Nov. 2 - 3	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Nov. 4	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	Nov. 5 - 6	MHCA Office

December

COR™ Leadership in Safety Excellence	Dec. 14 - 15	MHCA Office
COR™ Principles of Health & Safety Management	Dec. 16	MHCA Office
COR™ Auditor	Dec. 17 - 18	MHCA Office

A Singapore Swing?

By Peter G Hall, Vice President and Chief Economist



News out of Asia isn't great at the moment. Most of it is focused on China, and the reaction has been turbulent. At its core is concern about the state of world trade. Asia's Pacific Rim is a key commercial hub, so if things aren't well in the export world, they'll show up fast in this trading nexus. Singapore is at the heart of this activity. It's a well-known and trusted bellwether of Asian – and global – trade flows. What's the story that its key indicators are telling us at the moment?

If the direction of Singapore's trade data was a disappointment in 2008, its value as a leading indicator sure wasn't. From the peak of activity in late 2007, Singapore's non-oil exports fell 11 times in 15 months, knocking off a total of 27 per cent of activity. It was a sure sign that something was amiss, and astute observers took quick action. China saw what was happening, and swiftly put together the first of an aggressive series of stimulus efforts. Others were slower to react, and paid the price in the short term.

The effect of global stimulus was seen in Singapore's rebound. Non-oil exports were back above their previous peak by mid-2010. At this point, they foreshadowed the Great Flattening that held the world in its grip for the next 30 months. America's mid-2013 revival showed up in Singapore's numbers, as have the subsequent serial disappointments that have held a tight rein on revival. Things were sure looking good at the end of 2014, but weather, a US port strike, the Greco-gauntlet and financial market turbulence put paid to growth. Add to that Sino-centric chaos, and you'd expect to see red ink all over Singapore's statistics. But that's not the case. What's going on?

At first blush, Singapore's numbers don't look great. Non-oil exports are up 2.2 per cent year-on-year, and the year-to-date numbers are the same. However, things have picked up recently: in the last two months, non-oil exports are up almost 9 per cent at annual rates. Then consider that Singapore-sourced exports have not done particularly well. Re-exports – those international goods that simply flow through Singapore's ports – are up 5 per cent year-on-year, and have risen over 20 per cent at annual rates in the last two months.

It gets even better. When the data are narrowed down to the global zones where activity is firing up, Singapore's export stats are up dramatically. Putting together the United States, the top five in the EU and Mexico, Singapore's non-oil exports are up 10 per cent year-on-year and have risen 10 per cent at monthly rates in each of the past two months.

Naysayers will point out that even so, there isn't a clear up-trend, and that two months isn't nearly enough to go by. And they're right – except that there were clearly temporary events that held back global growth in the first half of the year, and most of those are now behind us. Sure, there is still a good deal of turbulence, but in our view, that turbulence is inextricably attached to the renewed growth that we are seeing. In short, markets are being rocked not by neo-weakening, but by the pressure that growth is putting on the Fed to tighten up monetary policy. As such, the nascent upswing in Singapore's exports could indeed be the first of a string of increases that herald the spread of growth from the engine to the rest of the train.

This would still be wishful thinking if there wasn't clear evidence that the recent glimmer of growth can be sustained. It has long been the case that America has huge potential growth in its housing, consumer and business investment sectors. Europe is also showing signs of pent-up pressure after its protracted, austerity-induced hibernation. Markets most closely attached to these are the instant beneficiaries – witness recent trade activity in Canada and Mexico – but currency shifts virtually guarantee that others aren't far behind. Something big seems to be in the works in world trade, and it bears keeping an eye on Singapore's numbers as an immediate and reliable gauge of progress.

The bottom line? It sure looks like the beginnings of a Singapore swing. It might not be obvious in overall numbers, but given the pattern of revived growth, the details Singapore's prescient stats seem to closely track the planet's hot spots. If they ignite growth through global trade in the usual manner, we expect that this bellwether economy's figures will soon tell the tale.

The Manitoba Water Services Board

Sealed tenders, marked as follows will be received by the undersigned at The Manitoba Water Services Board, Imperial Square, 2010 Currie Blvd., Box 22080, Brandon, Manitoba, R7A 6Y9, no later than 11:00 a.m., prevailing Brandon time on:

September 25, 2015

for the following works:

The supply and installation of approximately 97,400 metres pressure pipeline, 51 service connections, and related appurtenances all located in the Rural Municipality of Whitehead.

MARKED

M.W.S.B. No. 1236

R.M. of Whitehead Rural Water Pipeline Extensions 2015

Tenders will be publicly opened and read at the location, time and date specified above.

Each tender must be accompanied by a fully executed BID BOND on the form provided and in favor of the Minister of Finance for the amount shown on the Tender. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES will a certified cheque be accepted in lieu of a Bid Bond.

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September 25, 2015

for the following works:

Supply and installation of 3280 m of water line, supply and trenching of 470 m of electrical power cable, and associated road crossings, and connections to existing water lines, existing water treatment plant, and existing well # 3.

MARKED

M.W.S.B. No. 1244

Blumenfeld Hochfeld Water Cooperative – Looping Water Lines and Raw Water Line/Cable for Well # 3

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for the following works:

The installation of approximately 665m of 250mm diameter FPVC DR25 Gravity Sewer by means of directional drilling. Tie-In to 3 existing manholes, re-connection of services and installation of 4 new manholes.

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City of Morden - Gilmour Street Gravity Sewer

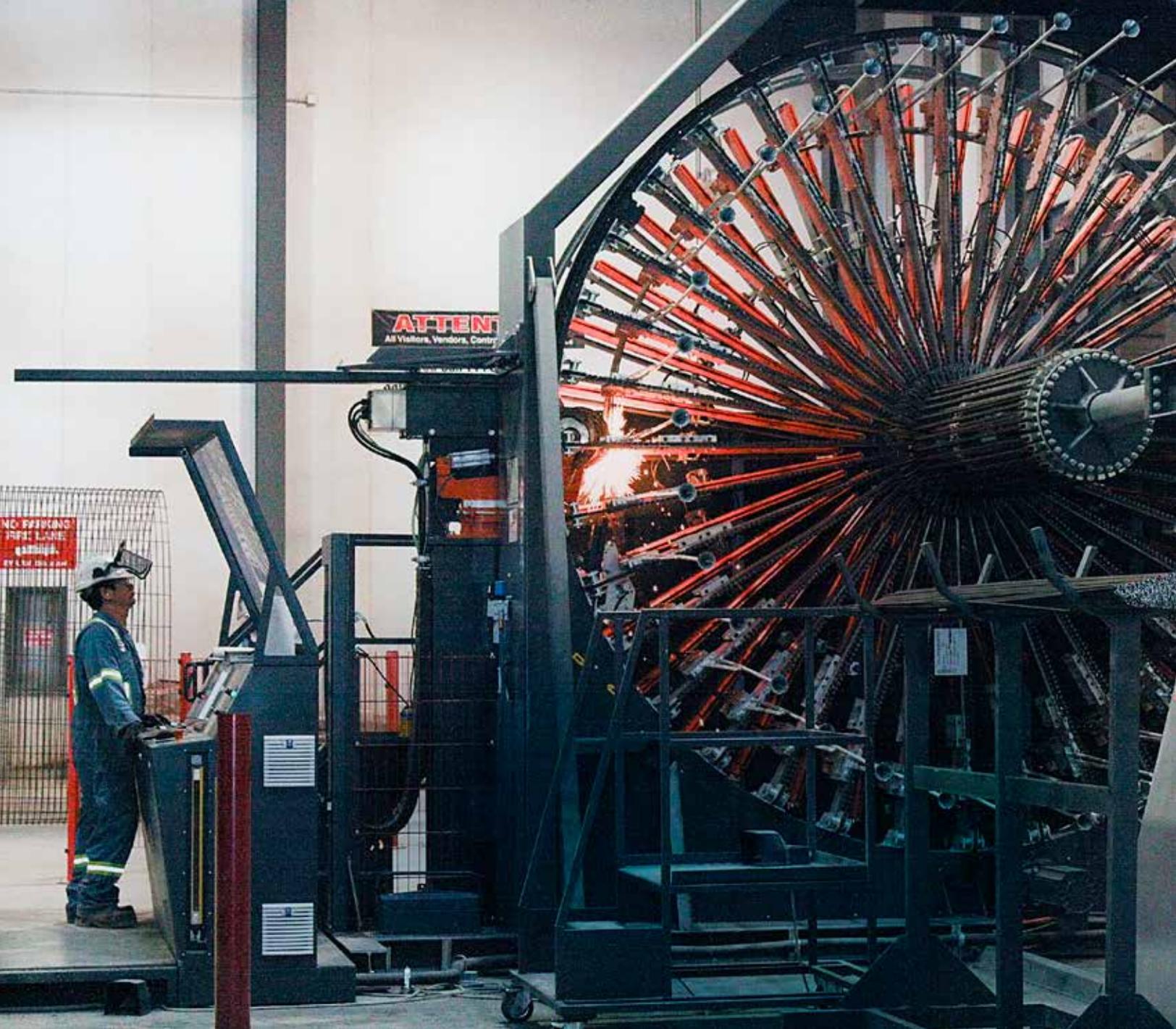
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