

## **Bush Signs Landmark Highway Construction Project, But Where Will Workers Come From?**

*Trade Schools finds massive increase in demand for heavy equipment operation qualifications as industry struggles to keep up with need for new workers.*

Orange Park, Florida ([PRWeb](#)) July 21, 2006 — When United States President George W. Bush signed an historic bill allocating \$286.5 billion for highway and transit upgrades, companies that handle such work responded with a cheer, but when the champagne stopped flowing, the reality of the situation became clear for many such companies – “where are we going to get the employees needed to do all this work?”

But potential employees are answering that question in heavy numbers, signing up for trade schools across America, and becoming qualified to operate the heavy machinery required to keep the highways smooth, the back streets paved, and the transit systems moving.

One of those schools finding a sudden upsurge in demand is the National Heavy Equipment Operators School in Orange Park, Florida, located 20 miles outside of Jacksonville. The school, established in 1978, supplies qualified, accredited earthmover and trucking workers to industry across the United States, having graduated over 23,000 students in the past 28 years. The school provides bulldozers, excavators, backhoes, Bobcats, skid steer loaders and diesel truck tractors for entry-level students to learn their craft, but the sudden influx of new student enquiries has school administrators wondering if they should be purchasing more equipment to keep up with demand.

“Every additional \$1 billion spent on highways creates 47,500 jobs and boosts corporate sales by \$100 million, according to the American Road and Transportation Builders Association, a Washington-based trade group,” said School Director David Rose. “Our students aren’t just learning to move dirt – they’re learning from the best instructors in the business how to be a part of the construction boom that will keep this country healthy for decades to come, and there’s never been a better time to join this profitable, growing profession.”

About the National Heavy Equipment Operators School:

NHEOAS offers entry-level students who wish to learn how to use heavy machinery the chance to do so with a hands-on range of courses based in Florida, that include bulldozers, excavators, backhoes, Bobcats, skid steer loaders, and diesel truck tractors, for the purposes of land clearing, culverts and ponds, ditches for utilities, pipe laying and road building.

The National Heavy Equipment Operators School offers free job placement for all graduates, and invites any potential student to learn more about the program at <http://www.earthmoverschool.com>

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