



Robert Smith

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Since January 2022, Robert Smith has been the executive director of the Eastern Atlantic States Carpenters Technical Centers (EASCTC). He is a seasoned union carpenter with over 30 years in the industry and has proudly served as a foreman, general foreman, and project superintendent. In 2006, Rob joined the Philadelphia Joint Apprenticeship Committee as an instructor, eventually expanding his role to include scheduling and grant coordination. In 2016, he co-founded the Carpenters Apprenticeship Ready Program (CARP) with the General Building Contractors Association through a Pennsylvania Workforce Development Grant. Today, CARP is recognized throughout New Jersey, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia, and Pennsylvania as a leading preapprenticeship program, setting young people up for a successful career in the trades. Under Rob's leadership, the EASCTC has become the only U.S.-based registered apprenticeship program affiliated with the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and accredited by the Council on Occupational Education. The EASCTC now operates 17 technical centers across six states and the District of Columbia, providing debt-free education to more than 4,400 apprentices and offering continuing education opportunities for over 40,000 journeypersons.