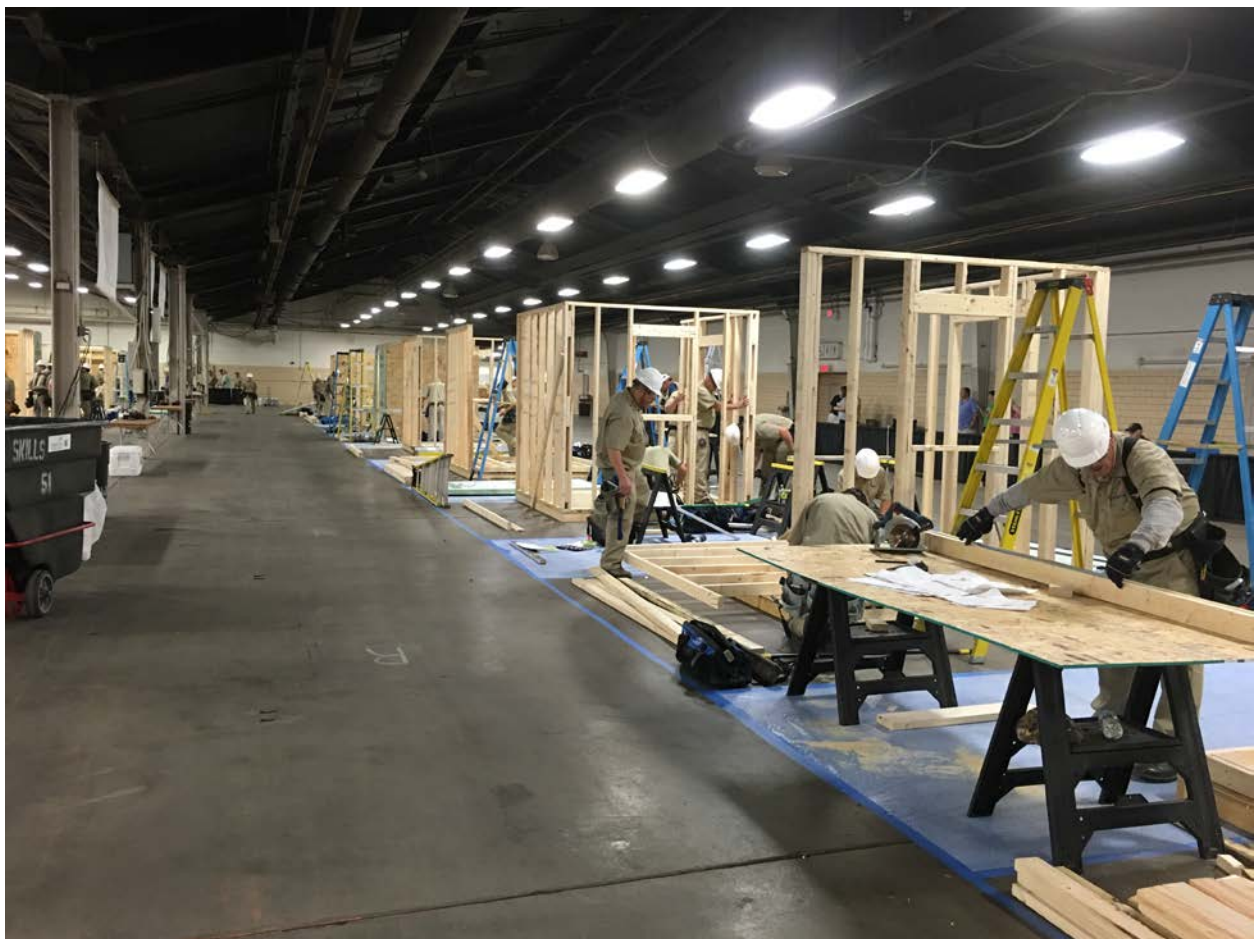


NARI Sponsors SkillsUSA TeamWorks.

The mission: build a kitchen from the ground up in 2 days. Sound impossible? Not to the state champions who attended SkillsUSA June 20-24. These young people from across the U.S. represented the best high school and college students who are learning the trades. For the 11th year, NARI has sponsored The SkillsUSA TeamWorks competition—this year in Louisville, KY.

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industries working together to ensure our country has a skilled workforce through competitions that support career and technical education. NARI's support included providing prizes and materials as well as serving as judges during the competition.

NARI members and chapters are encouraged to work with their local SkillsUSA clubs to support these students in their quest to learn and grow in the trades. NARI's commitment to developing tomorrow's workforce started with supporting these competitors who represent the new generation of remodelers.



Students start by framing their structure.



One wall is framed using steel studs

This year 48 teams competed in two categories: 34 in high school and 14 in Post-Secondary. Their mission was to build an 8 foot by 8 foot structure “kitchen”, then plumb, wire, and apply brick per plan.

Additionally the electrician and plumber participated in a stand-alone skills test. The electrical skills test grades proficiency in assessing circuit wiring issues. The plumber must demonstrate plan reading, tub cutting and soldering proficiency.



Contestants demonstrating their plumbing skill at the plumbing skill check station.



NARI members are joined by NARI CEO Fred Ulreich (far left) during a break. NARI members are (left to right) Bill Robinson (Train2Build), Darius Baker, MCR, CKBR, UDCP (D & J Kitchens and Baths), Joe Tarqueno, CRPM (Nail It Innovations, Inc.) and Patrick Bentivegna, CR, CRPM (Benco Construction).