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Guam Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship Program participants are pictured from left to right with GDOL Special Projects Coordinator Lina Hammond, R-Heart Tok, Allan Uruman, Rich Dok, Mairon Timothy and Program Coordinator Jodeen Reyes.

# Academy seeks to provide opportunities in construction

he Earn And Learn Construction Academy is a collaboration between the GDOL American Job Center and training provider, GCA Trades Academy. The purpose of the Academy is to provide a learning and earning opportunity for those unemployed and underemployed. The focus is on job seekers interested in the construction trade, specifically as entry level construction craft laborers.

This innovative program is designed to fill the need by our local construction industry. Supported by AJC programs, the training will lead to national certification and gainful employment.

Eligible participants will work closely with AJC and Trades Academy staff, led by Ms. Lina Hammond, special projects coordinator and Ms. Elizabeth Peredo GCA Trades Academy Program Administrator. They will help determine participants' eligibility and streamline enrollment into training, with a goal of placement into jobs. The project is scheduled to begin the last week of July 2017.

By December 31, 2017, trainees will move into job sites to gain work experience, with potential transition into a Registered Apprenticeship program.

For those interested, please contact Lina Hammond at 300-4574 or Elizabeth Peredo at 647-4842.

# Interested in construction?

Call the GCA Trades Academy at 647-4843 or e-mail them at » gcatrades@guam.net

» www.gcatradesacademy.org

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## Ways to pay

### for the GCA Trades Academy classes

**Student.** Classes are only \$80 per week plus text books. GCA Trades Academy provides everything else. Call the GCA Trades Academy, 647-4842/3, for more information.

**Employers.** Many employers provide additional training and development at the GCA Trades Academy to existing staff in order to increase the skills of the company's workforce. Ask your employer to send you to the GCA Trades Academy.

Scholarships. Several local companies and community organizations provide scholarship funds for craft training. Call the GCA Trades Academy, 647-4842/3, for more information.

Apprenticeship. Registered apprenticeship programs are operated by both the private sector and public sectors. Sponsors include employers, employer associations and joint labor/management organizations. Program sponsors and government programs pay most of the training costs. Call the Guam Contractors Association, 647-4840/1, for more information.

American Job Center. GCA Trades Academy is a training provider for the clients of the American Job Center. Call American Job Center, 475-7000/1, for more information.