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What does your company do? New and maintenance electrical work for commercial construction, industrial construction, and road construction.

What attracted you to the company? The type of work that is involved is what attracted me to the company.

Please list some of your duties: Bending pipe, pull wire, put up light fixtures, dig trenches to run PVC pipe.

What are the best/most interesting things about your job? The best thing about my job is watching the project you worked on be completed and it's working properly, and the most interesting is trying to figure out why the project you worked on is not working properly.

What is the most rewarding thing about your job? The most rewarding part of my job is that there is a lot of learning involved.

How did you decide on this career path? I didn't want to be on a job where I have to do the same thing over and over. Also, I get to meet a lot of people and the wages are good.

What kind of school, classes, and training most prepared you with the necessary skills? All types of math are very useful.

Do you make a good living? I'm currently an apprentice, so the wage is not yet that high. But it increases through the years that I'm in school, so eventually I will be able to buy a house or a new vehicle.

What kind of salary and benefits can a new employee at your company expect? If you have an electrical license you will be able to make around \$29 per hour and there are health benefits and pensions.

What kind of technology do you use and interact with? We use electrical meters.

What advice would you give to students who are undecided on a career choice? I would tell them to do something that they really enjoy doing and not to settle on a job that pays well, because they could end up hating their job.

Finally, what do you think makes you a good Dream Team candidate? I think I'm a good dream team candidate because I came to this country illegally and now as a legal resident I have the opportunity to learn a good career and have a better life than what my parents were able to give me.