

CIW 2026
PLANNING GUIDE

PLANNING OPTIONS AND PATHS

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Inclusion Week





CONSTRUCTION INCLUSION WEEK PLANNING OPTIONS & PATHS

This "Planning Options & Paths" guide is crafted to assist you and other decision-makers in your organization to effectively implement Construction Inclusion Week (CIW) towards this year's goal of Workforce Development.

Mix and match activities from the forthcoming Best-Practices Guide or design your own. Whatever path you choose, commit to measurable action and share your results. Construction Inclusion Week's five pillars are more of a compass than a checklist, **so use them to open doors in the way that best serves your people and your projects.**



PLANNING OPTIONS

OPTION A

Single-Day or Single-Pillar Focus (Quick Win)

Ideal for: First-time participants or crews with tight schedules.

Option A focuses on a Single-Day or Single-Pillar approach, making it ideal for first-time participants or teams with limited time. By selecting one pillar that aligns with a specific business priority, organizations can create a focused and impactful experience.

How this looks like:

Below is a sample of how you might execute Construction Inclusion Week in your organization using Option A.

- Pick one pillar that ties directly to a business priority— e.g., “Workplace Culture” to reinforce respectful-site expectations.
- Plan one signature activity (a Toolbox Talk, site walk, or lunch-and-learn) that fits a 15- to 60-minute window.
- Set one measurable objective—attendance target, feedback score, or action item logged on the JHA.
- Share the story internally and on social with #ConstructionInclusionWeek to inspire others.

Activity Ideas for Inspiration:



Host a Toolbox Talk on “Workplace Culture” to reinforce respectful-site expectations;

Tip: conduct a pre-survey to gather real life experiences from the team



Conduct a lunch-and-learn session featuring guest speakers from different backgrounds.

Tip: encourage discussion through sharing or Q&A Sessions



Create a feedback survey to gather insights on team experiences and share results with the organization.

Tip: explore creative and engaging ways to conduct the survey.



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OPTION B

Traditional Approach, Full-Week (Deep Engagement)

Ideal for: Firms with existing CIW momentum and/or those want to maintain daily touchpoints.

Option B embraces a Full-Week engagement strategy, making it suitable for organizations that already have momentum with CIW or for those who would like to maximize the whole of Construction Inclusion Week through daily touchpoints with their teams.

This approach allows teams to explore each of the five pillars in depth throughout the week. Each day is dedicated to a specific pillar, with activities designed to engage employees and promote meaningful discussions around inclusion.

How this looks like:

Below is a sample of how you might execute Construction Inclusion Week in your organization using Option A.

DAY	PILLAR	SAMPLE ACTIVITY
Mon	Commitment & Accountability	Example: share hiring goals; post job-site dashboard.
Tue	Belonging & Workplace Culture	20-min guided Toolbox Talk on psychological safety.
Wed	Economic Opportunity	Virtual meet-and-greet with xBE vendors and suppliers.
Thu	Attract & Retain	Respectful-worksite walk-through with leadership.
Fri	Community Engagement	Hard-hat tour for local students; promote workforce directory link



PLANNING PATHS

PLAN THE PATH THAT FITS

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This Planning Paths section encourages flexibility in how your organization can engage with Construction Inclusion Week, encouraging your team to choose the approach that best suits your needs. Whether opting for a quick win or a comprehensive engagement, the key is to commit to measurable actions and share the outcomes.

One-and-Done?

PERFECT

This path is perfect for organizations looking to make a quick impact. Document the results and build on the momentum for next year's initiatives.

All Five, All Week?

FANTASTIC

This approach is fantastic for those ready to dive deep. Celebrate daily wins across your sites and communication channels to reinforce the importance of each pillar.

Hybrid Approach?

ABSOLUTELY

This option allows for flexibility by running 2–3 pillars while saving the rest for future engagement. It's a great way to balance immediate action with long-term planning.



Pro Planning Tip: As you embark on implementing Construction Inclusion Week, remember that the journey towards Workforce Development is an ongoing initiative. Set clear, measurable objectives for your chosen path, and don't hesitate to gather feedback to refine your approach for future initiatives. Celebrate your successes, no matter how small, and share your stories widely, both internally and externally. This not only inspires others but also reinforces your commitment to this year's Construction Inclusion Week Goals. Embrace the process, and let the pillars of CIW guide you in building a stronger and more resilient construction community.

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