

Women in Construction Grant & Scholarship Presentation

On Aug. 26, the Southeastern Construction Owners & Associates Roundtable, the Southern States Millwright Regional Council, and DEWALT® presented a \$4,500 grant to the Moore Community House Women in Construction Program in Biloxi, Mississippi, and gave a scholarship tool package worth more than \$1,000 to Michelle Thornton, a student of the program.



The Women in Construction Program trains women for high-wage, high-skill careers in the construction trades and helps meet workforce demands on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



Ruth Mazara, director of the Women in Construction Program, accepts a \$4,500 grant from the Southeastern Construction Owners & Associates Roundtable and presented by Steve Greene, executive director [far left].



Michelle Thornton accepts a scholarship tool package from the Southern States Millwright Regional Council. FROM LEFT: Logan Brown, SSMRC Eastern Region director; Adam Brooks, SSMRC training coordinator; Jeff Smith, SSMRC Central Region director; Michelle Thornton; and Jorge Rodriguez, Gulf Coast market manager for DEWALT.



Michelle Thornton, a single mother and a student of the Women in Construction Program, with her 9-year-old daughter Madison, who loves unicorns.



The scholarship tool package the SSMRC provided to Michelle Thornton is worth more than \$1,000. In addition, DEWALT donated tools worth approximately \$1,100 to the Women in Construction



Michelle Thornton with her grandmother, daughter, and boyfriend after she received the scholarship tool package.