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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Congratulations – Your School Has Been Selected for a Skills Lab Grant! 🎉

Sandra & Soraia,

On behalf of **Explore The Trades** and **Ferguson**, we're thrilled to announce that **Newark School of Architecture & Interior Design** has been selected as a recipient of a **Skills Lab equipment grant** — congratulations! 🎉

Thank you for leading the way in building the next generation of skilled tradespeople. Your dedication truly makes a difference, and we're excited to help bring even more hands-on learning opportunities to your students!

Here's what happens next:

🔧 Equipment:

In the coming weeks, you'll receive more details about working with your closest Ferguson branch to procure your new equipment. Stay tuned — we'll make the process easy!

📢 Communication:

We'll officially announce this year's grant recipients the morning of **Wednesday, May 7th**, in celebration of **National Skilled Trades Day!**

You'll receive a press release from us shortly, which will also be posted on our website, social media, and shared with industry partners.

We encourage you to spread the great news across your school and district starting May 7th — just a quick note: please don't share or alter the press release before then.

On May 7th, you'll find full details and the complete list of recipients here:

👉 explorethetrades.org/explore-the-trades-skills-lab/

📷 Share Your Story!

We'd love to see your Skills Lab come to life! If you have photos or videos of your classroom or students in action, please send them our way. We'd be excited to share your success across our networks!

When you post on social media, feel free to tag us:

- **Explore The Trades:** @ExploreTheTrades (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook)
- **Ferguson:** @FergusonOfficial and @FergusonTrade (Facebook), @FergusonEnterprises (Instagram), @Ferguson-Enterprises (LinkedIn)

We are beyond excited to be part of your school's journey in skilled trades education.

Once again, congratulations! We can't wait to see the amazing things you and your students accomplish.

All the best,

The Explore The Trades Team

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