

# Roy Griffin

## Laborers Local 582

### Plote Construction Inc.



Growing up, Roy Griffin was enamored by roadway construction work. Every time he drove past a construction site, he would think about the hard work it would take to make the project a reality and the sense of accomplishment the workers must feel from using their hands to build something remarkable.

Five years ago, Roy decided it was finally time to join the ranks of roadway construction. He received training from the State of Illinois and got to work as a quality control material tester with Plote Construction Inc. While a few slow years of work followed, Roy capped off an upswing of activity in May 2012 as he began working on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90)/Illinois Route 47 Interchange Project.

Roy's days have been filled with testing soil to make sure it is sturdy enough for the new roadway. As he walks on

the project site with his nuclear density gauge in hand, carefully placing it in the soil to learn its density and moisture, he is reminded how fortunate he is to actually be working on a consistent basis. He takes great pride in knowing he's playing a vital role in the construction of a new interchange.

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*"It has been the greatest feeling in the world to get up in the morning and head out to work on the interchange project. Move Illinois has made it possible for me do an honest day's work for an honest day's pay so I can take care of my family – I couldn't ask for anything more."*

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Governor Pat Quinn and Roy Griffin.

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