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## **Dennis O. Torbett**

*Vice President, HBI Workforce Training & Employment*

Dennis Torbett serves as a Vice President at the Home Builders Institute (HBI), and has over 30 years of experience in the employment, training and workforce development field. Since joining HBI in 1981, he has directed residential construction pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship training programs at over 100 sites nationwide, including programs for 50 state and local home builder associations, representing over 40,000 builder members and employers.

In his current role, Torbett is responsible for the operation of HBI's Workforce Training & Employment Department with a budget of over \$6 million and 50 national and local staff. His current responsibilities include oversight of national training initiatives for a variety of needs and audiences including Hurricane Katrina relief; youth; older workers; people with disabilities; juvenile and adult offenders; homeless adults; veterans; women; youth mentoring and industry training certification. Early in his career he placed over 700 Job Corps graduates in career-progressive employment or apprenticeship programs in the home building industry.

Torbett's contributions to the workforce development field are notable and he has participated in several national events and on numerous task forces. The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy and the Institute for Educational Leadership included Torbett on a review panel focused on youth with disabilities and associated apprenticeship opportunities. He also chaired the Task Force on Employment and Training for Juvenile Offenders and High Risk Youth co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Justice.



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A native of Washington, DC, Torbett earned a B.S. degree in Business and Management from University of Maryland.