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Anton Ruesing served his apprenticeship in DC 2/LU 1156 (St. Charles, Missouri) in 1996 after serving in the United States Marine Corps. He then transferred to DC 78/LU 1010 (Orlando, Florida) in 2003 as a painter. He later became the director of training for DC 78, joined the International Finishing Trades Institute (iFTI) as a program manager in 2013, and then became iFTI director in 2015. Anton is currently the executive director of iFTI and the Labor-Management Cooperation Initiative (LMCI). He provides leadership and direction for the IUPAT Job Corps Program, working with the national project coordinator. He has a B.S. degree in computer science from the University of Missouri as well as a B.A. degree in work and labor policy (summa cum laude), a master's degree, and an advanced certificate in workforce development from Empire State University. Additionally, he holds many of the coatings industries' highest certifications and has served on several industry committees, including the Department of Labor's Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship and the Governor's Workforce Development Board for the state of Maryland.