



UTILITY AND TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

NEWS

July 2006

PLANS ARE COMPLETED FOR ANNUAL CONVENTION

Plans for UTCA's Annual Convention, scheduled during September 21-24, 2006 at the recently expanded Tropicana Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City, have been completed. This year's convention will include the presentation of the 2006 William Feather Memorial Award to Anthony Caruso and the 2006 Larry Gardner Memorial Award to George Taylor. The convention program will also include the induction of Mickey Stavola and Walter R. Earle posthumously in the New Jersey Construction Industry Hall of Fame.

Governor Jon Corzine is the scheduled Friday Luncheon Speaker and Steve Rizzo, nationally known humorist, will perform. During the several days of the convention, U.S. Senate candidates Bob Menendez and Tom Kean, Jr. are expected to appear and make presentations.

The Friday evening of the convention will include the President's Reception and PAC Auction Party. The Saturday Breakfast program will include the presentation of the 2006 Safety Awards and presentation of an award to Jack Murphy, UTCA president.

CONVENTION EXHIBIT COMPLETELY SOLD OUT

This year's exhibit, held in conjunction with the annual convention, is completely sold out. The association has established a waiting list of exhibitors in case space becomes available prior to the convention.

NELSON FERREIRA ELECTED PRESIDENT OF UTCA

Nelson Ferreira, owner of Ferreira Construction Company, was elected president of the Utility and Transportation Contractors Association at the organization's June Membership Meeting. He will be inducted as the chief elected officer of the association on the Saturday night of the UTCA Convention in Atlantic City.

UTCA's president-elect got his start in construction as a Local 472 heavy laborer with Frapaul Construction in 1985. Within just a few years, Ferreira purchased a dump truck and began to move material for several construction firms in northern New Jersey. In that he was an industrious person, Nelson grew his trucking business successfully.

Over the past decade, Ferreira expanded his business to where he now operates as a successful general contractor active in heavy highway construction in the public and private sectors.



Bob Briant, Jr., right, is pictured with Nelson Ferreira.

NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

LCI Waterford Contractor Joseph Lewandowski	Flanagan's Contracting Group Hillsborough Contractor Robert Flanagan
Wire Rope Corp. Of America Westfield Associate Richard Humiston	Fusco Machinery Flemington Associate Michael Fusco
Foster-Precise Georgetown, MA Associate Jack Klimp	Bruce Koerner Cranes & Equipment Denville Associate Bruce Koerner
CNA Insurance Agency Parsippany Associate Rich Stamets	McLellan & Bialkowski, LLC Paramus Associate Harry McLellan
Princeton Fleet Services Princeton Associate Steve Treble	ARCH Insurance Co. Morristown Associate Kevin McCann

AUGUST MAGAZINE WILL FEATURE TRAP ROCK & KEVCO ELECTRIC

This serves as a reminder that the August Issue of the **Utility and Transportation Contractor** will feature Trap Rock Industries which is celebrating 40 years in business and Kevco Electric which is beginning its third decade in construction. Those interested in placing a congratulatory message in the August Issue should contact Lauren Hagan at the UTCA office.

NJDOT CONSTRUCTION AWARDS TOTAL \$638 MILLION FOR FISCAL 2006

The NJDOT awarded a total of \$638 million in capital in capital construction and maintenance contracts during the twelve month period that ended June 30, 2006. This amount was less than awarded in fiscal 2005, but it was a greater amount than most years. Another \$150 million was provided to municipalities and counties through local aid from the Transportation Trust Fund.

The Department awarded a total of 92 projects over the last fiscal period. \$545.6 million was awarded on the capital construction side, while \$91.4 million was awarded in maintenance contracts.

ST. JOHN EXECUTIVE SEMINAR COMPLETELY SOLD OUT

All of the rooms and suites for the St. John Executive Seminar, scheduled for January 13-20, 2007, have been reserved. UTCA staff will pursue every effort to obtain additional rooms for those who are interested.

The site of the seminar is the Westin Resort on the island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands. This resort features a private white sand beach, four restaurants, spa and fitness center, swimming pools, water sports and six tennis courts.

ANNUAL UTCA CONSTRUCTION SAFETY AWARDS PROGRAM

The 2006 UTCA Construction Safety Awards will be presented at the association convention in September. An Announcement regarding the program will be mailed to members in the near future. All construction firms are encouraged to participate in the awards program.

SET LABORER SAFETY VAN AVAILABLE FOR JOBSITES

The Laborer Local 172 and 472 Safety, Education and Training (SET) van is available to construction firms for onsite safety instruction. This is an excellent addition to any firm's safety program. Visits can be scheduled by telephoning Michael Cackowski at (732) 583-6260 or Joseph DeMarco, Jr. at (609) 567-4408.

TURNPIKE/PARKWAY PROJECT LIST AVAILABLE

The list of New Jersey Turnpike/Parkway construction projects, to be advertised during the July-December 2006 period, is available from the UTCA website and office. This project list involves road and bridge construction and reconstruction, including paving projects, throughout the arteries.

NJDOT FISCAL 2007 PROJECT LIST AVAILABLE

With the State Fiscal 2007 Budget now approved by the Legislature and Governor, the NJDOT list of capital construction projects for the year beginning July 1, 2006 is available from the association office. This list of projects is valued at approximately \$725 million. Another \$175 million will be allocated to municipalities and counties for local aid construction.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the NJDOT project list should contact the association office.

NEW JERSEY SEMINAR ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Association members, Michael O. Renda of Waldman, Renda & McKinney, and Stephen Bialkowski of Harry McLellan of McLellan & Bialkowski, will conduct a seminar on the Fundamentals Of Construction Contracts in New Jersey on August 23, 2006. The full day session is scheduled for the Ramada Inn on Route 18 in East Brunswick.

Registration information regarding this seminar is available from the UTCA office.

FOLEY ANNOUNCES TWO STAFFING ACTIONS

Jeff Merle, vice president of Machine Sales of Foley, Inc., recently announced that Warren Gonzalez has been promoted to the position of Heavy Construction Account Manager and that Bill Vanscoy has been employed as a Rental Services Account Manager. Both individuals are experienced in construction sales and rentals.

Gonzalez joined Foley in 2003 and prior to then, he possessed ten years of Caterpillar experience. His new territory will include Essex and Passaic counties. Vanscoy recently joined the firm after several years in construction equipment rentals. His territory will include Mercer, Somerset and Hunterdon counties.

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING SEEKS ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

The Civil Engineering Program at the College of New Jersey in Ewing seeks an adjunct professor for fall 2006 to teach an introductory course in Transportation Engineering. This course will cover the fundamentals of transport facilities and service design, pavement design and transit service design. A Masters Degree in Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering or a closely related field is required, Ph.D preferred.



Pictured with Anthony Cervino of Sanitary Construction, center, are Kris Hoffman, left, and Phil Piest, OSHA Administrators. Sanitary Construction was recently accepted in the UTCA/OSHA Safety Partnership.

Interested individuals should send their resume and names of three references to:

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STATE LEGISLATURE ACTION TAKEN TO DEDICATE ALL MOTOR FUEL TAX

The State Legislature recently completed action to dedicate the remaining 1.5 cents of the 10.5 cents-a-gallon motor fuel tax to the Transportation Trust. This action will place the dedication of the 1.5 cents before the voters as a Public Question in November. In the past, the penny-and-a-half of the tax went into the state's general Treasury.

The additional tax revenue to the Transportation Trust Fund is expected to approximate \$75 million annually. A public education program regarding the need to support the dedication of the remaining 1.5 cents will be pursued by the Transportation New Jersey Coalition prior to November.

REQUIRED UNIFORMED TRAFFIC CONTROL MUST BE PAID BY PUBLIC OWNERS

Association members are reminded that the association was successful several months ago in amending New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law that requires Public Owners to estimate and pay the cost for the use of uniformed traffic control under that law. This amendment to the Law was effective with all Contract Docu-

ments advertised beginning April 12, 2006.

Based on the amendment to the law, identified as Chapter 9, P.L. 2006, Contract Documents must include a line item "allowance" in the bid proposal covering the estimated cost for Uniformed Traffic Control or note that the local government agency will pay the local police directly. Several projects were delayed recently after association staff brought this matter to the attention of the project Engineer/Owner.

A copy of this new law is available from the association website and office.

NJ TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT LIST AVAILABLE

NJ Transit's construction project list for the balance of 2006 and year 2007 is available from the UTCA website and office. This list includes the major construction projects that have been scheduled over the 18 month period. With the recent approval of the State Budget, some projects may be added if additional federal/state funding is available in the future.

ARTBA SUCCESSFUL IN WETLANDS SUIT

The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA), in conjunction with the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, was successful recently before the US Supreme Court regarding Wetlands issues. In the most recent case, the Court found that the Corps of Engineers went beyond its authority when it attempted to regulate man made ditches and wetland areas with remote connections to navigable waters.

UTCA CONTINUES TO EDUCATE LEGISLATORS AND OTHERS REGARDING STATE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING NEEDS

Association staff continues to coordinate the education of members of the State Legislature and other decision makers about the value of investment in New Jersey's infrastructure needs. These efforts involve numerous face-to-face meetings, distribution of written material and conducting jobsite visits. UTCA refers to this as "putting a face" on construction.

The jobsite visits are arranged by association staff and coordinated with the contractor and respective governmental agency. Those involved in the visits include legislators, their staffs, legislative executive staff and local government officials. Every governmental representative who has participated in these activities has noted the value of the experience.

UTCA ANNUAL CONVENTION

September 21 - 24, 2006

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INVITED SPEAKERS:

Governor Jon Corzine

***Candidates For U.S. Senate
Robert Menendez & Tom Kean***

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