



Utility & Transportation Contractors Association



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UTCA NEWSLETTER

Convention Awards Will Go To George Thompson and Jack Callahan

George Thompson, recently retired president of Tilcon NJ and a past Board member with UTCA, will receive the 2013 William Feather Memorial Award during this year's convention program in Atlantic City. The award recognizes George's contributions to the construction industry during his long career. The presentation of the award is scheduled during the Saturday night dinner at the convention.

William Feather is remembered as a leading contractor from southern New Jersey who assisted membership growth in UTCA throughout the southern part of the state. He was an advocate for construction safety before unexpectedly passing away a month before becoming association president.

This year's Larry Gardner Memorial Award will go to Jack Callahan of CohnReznick which is one of the largest accounting firms in the country. Jack Callahan leads the firm's construction industry practice and is being recognized for his support of UTCA and his service on several committees over the past three decades.



Merrill Hoge,
 UTCA Convention Keynote Speaker

Larry Gardner was active with UTCA in its early years as an association. He assisted in organizing association meetings, enrolling new members and producing the association directory for many years.

Bob Briant, Sr. To Be Inducted Into The Construction Industry Hall OF Fame

Bob Briant, Sr., former CEO of UTCA who passed away in February of this year, will be inducted into the New Jersey Construction Industry Hall of Fame at the Saturday night dinner at the convention.

Bob was recognized as the top executive staff person in the country in construction association management. During his long career at UTCA, Bob spearheaded the growth in membership from 60 firms to an astounding 1200 members firms. He oversaw the expansion of association services and was instrumental in the creation of the national Clean Water Construction Coalition. Bob Briant's career began in the education field and he utilized that knowledge to train many staff members and provide guidance to the board of directors. Earlier this year, Bob was honored by the UTCA board with a scholarship that bears his name.

Bob Briant served as the CEO of UTCA for 33 years and continued his service to the association for another seven years as a consultant.

Convention Rooms Are Selling Quickly

Room Reservations for this year's convention are selling out quickly. Members are urged to make their room reservations as soon as possible in order to guarantee space at the event.



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PAC Auction Party September 20th At The Convention

UTCA's Annual PAC Auction Party is scheduled for September 20th which is the Friday evening of the convention. We expect to have approximately 100 items available for the silent and live portions of the auction. There is still time to contribute items for the event. To do so, please contact Dan Neville at the UTCA office as soon as possible. Your generous contributions help to strengthen our legislative program.

Annual Safety Awards To Be Presented At The Convention

UTCA's 2013 Construction Safety Awards will be presented on September 21st during the Convention Breakfast program. Presentation of the awards serves as association and member commitment to construction work zone safety.

Convention Golf Outing September 19, 2013

This year's golf outing, held in conjunction with the Annual Convention, is scheduled for September 19th at Blue Heron Pines Golf Club in Cologne, NJ. Some space is still available for those who wish to participate.

October Magazine Includes Awards To George Thompson, Jack Callahan, and Bob Briant, Sr. While Featuring JESCO

The October Issue of the **Utility and Transportation Contractor** magazine will feature the Annual Convention and awards to George Thompson, Jack Callahan and the late Bob Briant, Sr. This issue of the publication will also include a feature article on JESCO which is beginning its fifth decade in business.



The October edition of the magazine will also include the **induction of Harry Chowansky as UTCA's new association president.** There is time to include a congratulatory message for the award recipients and JESCO for those who have not yet done so.

UTCA Medical Group Program Continues To Grow

UTCA's Group Medical Program utilizes the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) plan and offers the networks of Aetna, Horizon, Guardian, Amerihealth and Oxford/United Healthcare. A number of association members firms have participated in the program over the past several years, while experiencing financial savings. RDA Benefit Services administers the UTCA program and can be reached by utilizing the attached Response Form.

Leaded Brass Parts Must Be Eliminated By January 4, 2014

On January 4, 2014, Public Law 111-380 goes into effect which will make it illegal to install leaded brass parts which are 2 inches and smaller in any potable water system. Brass manufacturers have already begun the process of switching to these "lead free" standards.

To the contractor who may have inventoried any leaded brass parts, these items must be installed by the January 4, 2014 deadline. Failure to comply could result in hefty fines to the contractor. It is advisable to create a plan to eliminate these leaded brass items in order to comply with this upcoming federal mandate. Additional information can be obtained from your supplier or manufacturer.

New Member Applicants

<i>MSP Construction</i> Newark Contractor	<i>Deforest Demolition</i> Pt. Pleasant Subcontractor
<i>Orrico Realty</i> Colts Neck Associate	<i>BKM Resources</i> Eatontown Associate
<i>M Public Affairs</i> Lake Como Associate	<i>N&T Waste Management</i> Williamstown Associate

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Evan Piscitelli Named Chief Communications Officer

Association President Joe Walsh recently announced that UTCA's Legislative Director, Evan Piscitelli, has been named Chief Communications Officer for the association.

Evan's new duties will focus on modernizing and improving the association's communications and marketing efforts. He will also manage the UTCA's Group Programs in addition to his duties in heading up the legislative program for the association.

Dennis Hart To Join UTCA Staff

In the upcoming weeks, Dennis Hart, Managing Director for the Construction Industry Advancement Program (CIAP), will join the UTCA staff. Dennis previously worked with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for 22 years and then served as the Executive Director for the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust for seven years prior to being hired by CIAP.

Dennis will provide valuable guidance and increased representation for our utility contractor members as it relates to water, sewer and Local Public Contracts Law issues, as well as assist on many UTCA committees and task forces.

The association is pleased to welcome Dennis and looks forward to working with him.



Pictured from the left are Sante Esposito, Joe Walsh, Bob Briant, Jr. and Evan Piscitelli at a recent trip to Capitol Hill on behalf of the Clean Water Construction Coalition.

Work Zone Safety Awareness Workshop Scheduled For September 24

A workshop has been scheduled for September 24 to provide an overview of working safely in the roadway. The session will be conducted at Rutgers' Center for Advancement and Transportation in Piscataway. The workshop will be conducted by John Mazur, OSHA, and a retired NJ State Trooper.

For more information, please contact Bethany Allinder at 848-445-3112.

New Jersey Turnpike Authority To Implement UTCA's Suggested Changes

At a recent meeting with New Jersey Turnpike Authority officials in August, UTCA representatives learned that the Authority plans to implement two operational changes that were suggested by UTCA during its previous meetings with the Authority. The changes pertain to the start date of NJ Turnpike project maintenance bonds and standardized items used on the Authority's projects.

Currently the NJ Turnpike Authority sets the start date of project maintenance bonds after the Authority issues its final acceptance of the project. Final project acceptance is frequently held up due to paperwork issues that often are out of the control of the project contractor. After discussion with UTCA representatives, the Authority agreed to move the maintenance bond start date to when the project contractor completes the punch list items that are generated after the project's final inspection. The Turnpike will issue a change to its construction specifications reflecting the new maintenance bond start date.

UTCA also requested that the Turnpike Authority standardize certain approvals such as materials, mix designs and shop drawings. In response to UTCA's request, the Authority is in the process of finalizing a standard products list that will be used for approval purposes on its projects. The adoption of a standard list, by the NJ Turnpike Authority, will benefit both the Authority and its project contractors.

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UTCA: Upcoming Events

ARTBA National Convention Scheduled During September 8-10, 2013

The American Road and Transportation Builders Association (ARTBA) Annual Convention is scheduled for September 8-10, 2013 at the Pfister Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For registration information contact ARTBA at (202)289-4434.

UTCA Annual Convention September 19-22, 2013

The 48th Anniversary UTCA convention will be held at the Tropicana Casino & Resort in Atlantic City. To register, please click this link: <http://www.utcanj.org/assets/images/convannouncement.pdf>

Work Zone Safety Awareness Workshop September 24, 2013

Rutgers University, Piscataway

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Also, I understand that association members in the group program for more than a year have experienced very low rate increases. I am interested in learning more about UTCA's Medical Program.

Please complete this Response Form and return it to the UTCA office so that a representatives of the association can contact you about the program.

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