

# Utility & Transportation Contractors Association



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## UTCA NEWSLETTER

### 2013 Another Busy Year For UTCA

This past year was an extremely busy period for the association. UTCA continued its efforts on legislative and regulatory issues, safety and education programs and construction funding.

UTCA's safety program has continued to grow in recent years and these efforts were expanded to also include management and business training sessions. UTCA partnered with FMI to conduct several popular courses which were geared to the construction industry. The Improving Construction Productivity and Foreman Boot Camp sessions were very well received. UTCA will continue to offer similar seminars in 2014 in addition to the traditional safety training courses that have been offered in the past.

Legislatively, UTCA's Infrastructure Bank bill advanced out of committee in the New Jersey State Senate. This Legislation establishes a State Transportation Infrastructure Bank. The New Jersey Department of Transportation assumes control over project eligibility while New Jersey's Environmental Infrastructure Trust will administer the financing for the projects.



Attendees are pictured during the seminar conducted by FMI earlier this year at the UTCA Conference Center.

### January Meeting To Feature NJ Turnpike Capital Program

NJ Turnpike Authority Chief Engineer Rob Fischer will be the featured speaker at UTCA's January Membership Meeting scheduled for January 9, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza in Jamesburg, New Jersey.

Fisher will update meeting attendees on the Authority's \$1 billion Capital Construction Program for calendar year 2014. The presentation will include the specific contracts that will be advertised by the Turnpike Authority during 2014. In addition, UTCA staff will discuss the association's legislative initiatives for 2014 and review construction funding actions taking place in Congress and our State Capital.

### 2014 Industry Directory Will Be Distributed Next Month

Production of the 2014 UTCA Industry Directory has been completed and the publication will be distributed next month to all member firms. The Association would like to thank all firms who included advertisements in the publication which is a very handy and useful source of information for association members. The Pocket Directory was also recently mailed to all member firms as well.

Special thanks go to Michael DeVito, Helene Nasdeo and Lauren Hagan who were responsible for the production of the 2014 Directory. Association staff completed all design and layout of the publication using desktop publishing software.



# UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

## CIAP To Conduct Engineer Career Fair

CIAP will conduct its 12th Annual Career Fair for Civil Engineering and Construction Technology students on January 8, 2014. The event will be conducted at the Pines Manor in Edison between 9:00AM and 4:00PM.

The 2013 internship/scholarship program had 52 prospective rising college sophomore and junior candidates attend the career fair. This year, CIAP and industry members have interviewed 147 students and will present approximately 63 candidates, all thoroughly screened and interviewed by the CIAP Education Committee. The students are included in the program only if they are deemed fully qualified for future jobs requiring Civil Engineering and Construction Technology in our Construction Industry. Upon successful completion of the internship with one of your companies the students will receive a scholarship from CIAP.

Many of the students who have come through the program were offered positions with construction contractors during their breaks from school and hired full time upon graduation.

Contractors interested in participating should contact Dennis Hart at 732-292-4300.

## February Magazine To Feature PKF Mark III & Applied Landscape Technologies

The February Issue of the **Utility and Transportation Contractor** magazine will feature PKF Mark III and Applied Landscape Technologies. PKF Mark III will celebrate 45 years in construction while Applied Landscape Technologies will begin its third decade in business.



Also, anyone who has a unique job story or company milestone to include in future editions of the magazine should contact the association office.

## Deadline Approaching For Use Of Leaded Brass Parts

On January 4, 2014, Public Law 111-380 goes into effect. The Reduction of Lead in Drinking Water Act will make it illegal to install leaded brass parts two inches and smaller in any potable water system. As previously mentioned earlier this year, brass manufacturers had already begun the process of switching to the "lead free" standards.

To the contractor, this means that any inventoried leaded brass parts must be installed by the January 4, 2014 deadline. Additional information can be obtained from your supplier about this mandate.

## U.S. House Continues Work On WIFIA Measure That Includes Reauthorization Of The Clean Water Act

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee continues its work on a WIFIA bill that will include language to reauthorize the federal Clean Water Act. House members are developing the WIFIA bill in response to the Senate's WIFIA provisions contained in the Senate Water Resources Development ACT (WRDA) that is currently subject to House and Senate Conference negotiations on the WRDA measure.

UTCA and Clean Water Construction Coalition representatives have been actively working with Congressional representatives and Committee staff to include specific language in the House WIFIA bill that will address industry concerns with the WIFIA component of the Senate WRDA measure. UTCA has been assured by House officials that our concerns are under consideration along with the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

New Member Applicants	
<i>Bacchetta &amp; Co.</i> Long Valley Associate	<i>International Safety Group</i> New York, NY Associate
<i>Adler Industrial Services</i> Newark Associate	<i>Capital One Equipment Finance</i> Fairfield Associate

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## UTCA Partners With FMI To Offer Professional Development In Construction Seminars

Following up on last year's highly successful UTCA/FMI seminars, four new sessions are scheduled for January and February. FMI Management is the nation's largest provider of consulting services to construction. Announcements of the January and February seminars will be emailed to association members in the near future and these sessions will include:

- January 20 & 21  
Improving Construction Productivity
- January 22  
Productivity Essentials For Foremen
- February 17 & 18  
Advanced Leadership Development
- February 19  
Equipment Manager Training

UTCA has expanded its educational program, which already includes a varied safety seminar program, to also include these professional development seminars. For more information on any of the UTCA educational seminars, please call Dan Neville at the UTCA Office.

## UTCA Members Save On FedEx Services

UTCA members have been enrolling in the association's FedEx Advantage program and have benefited from savings on FedEx shipping and business services.

This program offers discounts of up to 26% off FedEx Express U.S. services. The discount can be maximized by creating shipping labels online.

To enroll in this program go to enroll advantage. fedex.com/6790 and enter passcode XMTN7R. Or call 1.800.475.6708.

## UTCA To Conduct Seminar on NJDOT "Challenges and Changes"

Working on NJDOT contracts utilizing the latest edition of the 2007 Standard Specifications can present many challenges. Learn how to avoid, if possible, the pitfalls and risks involved in these specifications, how to deal with the risks, and, most importantly, how to recognize and comply with your contract requirements. Also find out more about the Industry's initiative currently underway to modify the Standard Specifications, especially Division 100 and the claims process.

The presenters of this seminar, Jack Lettiere and Edward Nyland, have over 75 years of combined experience on both the Owner's and Contractor's side. There will be ample time for participation and discussion throughout this one day session. The seminar is scheduled for February 20, 2014 at the UTCA Conference Room.

## Pat Campbell Passes Away

Long-time labor leader Patrick Campbell passed away on December 22, 2013. Mr. Campbell served as a business agent, officer and second general vice president of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825. He retired in 1999 after serving for more than 20 years as Business Manager for the union. He was also a Vice President of the New Jersey AFL-CIO.

Prior to his long career with the union, Pat Campbell served as a Seabee in the Navy during World War II, where he was stationed in the South Pacific.



Employees of J. Fletcher Creamer & Son begin construction on the base and support system for the Huey helicopter at the NJ Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

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# ***UTCA: Upcoming Events***

## **Upcoming Safety & Educational Seminars**

January 11	Trenching/Excavation & Competent Person
January 14	Traffic Control Refresher Course
January 18	Confined Space Safety & Awareness
January 20-21	Improving Construction Productivity
January 22	Productivity Essentials For Foremen
January 25	ATSSA Flagging Certification Seminar
January 28-29	OSHA 10 Hour Construction Course
February 8	Trenching/Excavation & Competent Person
February 15	Crane Standard, Signaling & Rigging
February 17-18	Advanced Leadership Development
February 19	Equipment Manager Training
February 20	NJDOT Specification Challenges & Changes
February 22	Confined Space Safety & Awareness
February 24	Project Execution Training
February 27	Annual Comprehensive Construction Safety Seminar

For more information regarding these seminars and to register, please use the following link: [http://www.utcanj.org/safety\\_seminars.html](http://www.utcanj.org/safety_seminars.html)

## **UTCA January Membership Meeting**

January 9, 2014

Crowne Plaza, Jamesburg, NJ



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