

# Utility & Transportation Contractors Association



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## UTCA NEWSLETTER

### UTCA Elects Officers And Directors Presents Scholarships & NJDOT Program

The association's June Membership meeting attracted a large crowd and included the election of officers and directors for the 2014/2015 period, the presentation of five UTCA Scholarships and comments on the NJDOT fiscal 2015 construction program. Dana Hecht, NJDOT Deputy Director reviewed the current year's program which exceeded \$800 million in construction awards, and informed the group that the 2015 construction program will approach nearly \$1 billion in projects.

Scott Lattimer of Clyde N. Lattimer & Son Construction was elected president of the association while Tino Garcia of Ferreira Construction was elected Senior Vice President. James Coddington and Tom Hardell were also elected to serve as officers of the association. Scott Lattimer will begin his term at the 2014 UTCA convention where he will take his oath of office. Also elected were new UTCA Board members Roly Acosta of Northeast Remsco Construction, Glenn Ely of PKF Mark III and Lisa Ballerini of Montana Construction.



Scott Lattimer, who was elected president of UTCA at the June Membership Meeting, is pictured as he addresses the attendees following the election.

### Annual UTCA Scholarship Awards

At the June Membership meeting, five UTCA Scholarships were presented. Gabrielle Grys of Notre Dame High School in Easton, PA was the recipient of the \$14,000 Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial High School Scholarship, while Stephen Walter received the \$3,500 Jerome Frommer Scholarship at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Two \$3,500 scholarships were presented to students at New Jersey Institute of Technology. Kim Roman received the Margaret Cervino Scholarship Award, while Lucas Martin was the Sam Luciano Scholarship Award recipient.

For the second consecutive year, the Scholarship Committee awarded an additional scholarship in the name of Robert A. Briant, Sr. This \$7,000 scholarship was presented to Teshawana Joaquin who recently graduated from Paterson Eastside High School.

UTCA President Harry Chowansky III introduced the 2014 scholarship recipients during the meeting and thanked Scholarship Committee Chairman Michael D'Annunzio and the committee members for their service.

### UTCA Convention Exhibit Is 90% Sold Out

Only a dozen booths remain available for this year's UTCA convention. The event is scheduled during September 18-21, 2014 at the Tropicana Hotel & Casino. Those interested in exhibiting should contact Mike DeVito at the association office immediately.



# UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

## Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Golf Outing Another Big Success

The UTCA's Annual Robert A. Briant, Sr. Memorial Golf Outing was held on June 9 at Eagle Oaks Golf Club in Farmingdale, NJ. The outing raised approximately \$26,000 for the Scholarship Fund, and the event chairman, Ed Ciel, the committee, Dan Neville and Lauren Hagan are commended for their efforts. Next year's outing will return to Eagle Oaks and will be held on June 8, 2015.

This annual event provides the majority of funding for the UTCA Scholarship Program. In 2014, the association presented \$31,000 in scholarship awards to five students.

## Legislation To Name Bridge For Bob Briant, Sr. Passes Both Houses

Legislation to name the Route 71 Bridge between Avon-By-The-Sea and Belmar for Bob Briant, Sr. has passed both the NJ State Assembly and the NJ State Senate.

The vote was unanimous in both chambers of the legislature. The bill now awaits the Governor's signature.

### New Member Applicants

<i>Walters Marine Construction</i> <i>Ocean View Contractor</i>	<i>M &amp; T Bank</i> <i>Iselin Associate</i>
<i>Traffic Stripes</i> <i>New Rochelle, NY Associate</i>	<i>Blue Line Rentals</i> <i>Edison Associate</i>
<i>Smith-Midland Corp.</i> <i>Midland, VA Associate</i>	

## August Magazine To Feature West Bay Construction And True & Associates

The August Issue of the **Utility and Transportation Contractor** magazine will feature West Bay Construction and True & Associates. West Bay Construction is celebrating 20 years in construction, while True & Associates has competed 30 years in business.

The August Issue of the publication will also include a feature about Scott Lattimer of Clyde Lattimer & Son Construction who was elected as president of UTCA earlier this month. Anyone interested in placing a congratulatory message or advertisement in the August Issue of the magazine should contact Helene Nasdeo at the UTCA office as soon as possible.



## DOT FY 2015 Construction Program To Be Approximately \$1 Billion

NJDOT Deputy Director Dana Hecht announced, at a recent UTCA General Membership Meeting, the Department's FY 2015 Construction Program. The DOT expects to award approximately \$800 million in projects for the coming fiscal year.

Highlighted projects include reconstruction of the Palisades Interstate Parkway, Route 38 and I-195, Bridge Deck Replacement on Route 1 & 9/46, Dam Replacement on Route 30, Culvert Replacement on Route 27, Bridge Rehabilitation on Route 37 Mathis Bridge, Route 280/21 Interchange and regional Job Order Contracts for drainage work. The NJDOT FY 2015 project list is being finalized and will be available on the UTCA website in the near future.

## Sonoma/San Francisco Executive Seminar Announced

The UTCA's Executive Seminar announcement was recently distributed to association members. The seminar will take place March 7-14, 2015 in Sonoma and San Francisco.

Attendees will stay four nights at the Renaissance Lodge in Sonoma and will participate in tours of three local wineries. The group will then travel to San Francisco for a three night stay at the Marriott Marquis. Details can be found on our website.

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# UTCA: INDUSTRY NEWS

## Juan Gutierrez & Peter Getchell Named Board Member Emeritus

The UTCA Nominating Committee recently honored Juan Gutierrez and Peter Getchell with the designation of Board Member Emeritus following their retirements from the UTCA Board of Directors. The two gentlemen served the association for a combined 60 years on the UTCA Board. Juan Gutierrez, the founder of Northeast Remsco Construction, served as UTCA President in 1987/1988 and was involved as a National Board Member for the National Utility Contractors Association. Peter Getchell, chairman of the board of PKF Mark III, was the UTCA's president in 1995/1996 and continues to serve as an association representative with the American Road and Transportation Builders of America.

Thank you to Juan and Peter for their tireless efforts and dedication to the UTCA.

## Delta Dental Provides Excellent Group Plan For UTCA Members

As UTCA members, you have had access to a comprehensive dental program with Delta Dental of New Jersey since 1989. These plans provide coverage for annual cleanings, x-rays, fillings, crowns, gum treatments, and even orthodontic benefits. Unlike other plans offered by some competitors, Delta Dental doesn't impose waiting periods for its benefits, so once you are enrolled, all of the benefits are immediately available.

While you can use any dentist under the UTCA program, the Delta Dental system has the largest nationwide network of participating dentists, so your provider is probably already participating. Like other carriers, Delta Dental of New Jersey has multiple networks of providers, but as UTCA members you get access to both the Premier and PPO networks, Delta Dental's two largest networks. While you can choose any dentist you want, going to a participating dentist guarantees that you'll receive pre-negotiated charges so you'll start saving money from your very first visit. This makes your benefits go further! For more information on this group plan, contact The VanPalmer Group, LLC at (973) 837-2522.

Members can also receive a free quote by completing an online form available on the UTCA website at <http://www.utcanj.org/delta-dental.html>

## Environmental Trust 2015 Project List Available

The list of wastewater, drinking water and related construction projects, financed by the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, is available from the UTCA website. This project list includes approximately \$1.316 billion in construction. Projects that will be funded include various pipe, treatment plant and pumping station projects. The project list is available at <http://www.utcanj.org/pdf/trust.pdf>

The NJ Environmental Infrastructure Trust provides low-cost financing for the construction of environmental infrastructure projects. Since its formation in 1987, the Trust has provided more than \$5 billion to local and county government entities for construction projects.

## NJ Transit Increases Capital Construction Projects For FY 2015

NJ Transit officials plan to award approximately \$1.2 billion in construction projects during State FY 2015. This represents approximately a \$700 million increase compared to the Agency's FY 2014 capital program. Highlights of the program include infrastructure replacement and Northeast Corridor improvements as part of NJ TRANSIT's ten-year, \$1 billion Northeast Corridor investment strategy that includes a new Midline Loop and station, Amtrak Joint Benefits projects and station rehabilitation at Newark Penn, Jersey Avenue and Elizabeth stations. Funding is also provided for technology upgrades and construction of high-level platforms at the Perth Amboy and Lyndhurst stations.



UTCA representatives meet with Congressman Frank LoBiondo during the group's recent meetings in Washington, DC.

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