



Greater New York LECET Update

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Staten Island Speedway and Retail Center

Greater New York LECET has been working diligently to promote the construction of an \$800 million super speedway and retail center on a 440 acre waterfront parcel, near the Goethals Bridge. For months we have been meeting with local and state political and community leaders to urge them to support the project which will create thousands of construction and permanent jobs. A press conference and rally is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6th at 12 noon at Staten Island Borough Hall to highlight labor's support of this important project. The project also includes several major infrastructure improvements, including a new ferry terminal and improvements to roads. Greater New York LECET will continue to push hard until this project is approved and developed.

SCA-PLA Update

The landmark Project Labor Agreement continues to have a positive effect in our industry. Currently there are a total of 63 contractors working on SCA-PLA jobsites, with 30 of them performing strictly SCA work. Five of these contractors have been signed to full agreements. As of September 30, 2005 there were 577 laborers from Mason Tenders District Council affiliated local unions working on schools, under the PLA. This partnership with the School Construction Authority has succeeded in leveling the prevailing wage playing field for union contractors, where all previous enforcement efforts have failed. Hopefully, this agreement will serve as a blueprint for future partnerships with city and state agencies.



Greater New York LECET completed another successful jobsite visit at the Plaza Hotel. Tishman Construction is the general contractor and there are over 100 laborers employed. Greater New York LECET was joined by representatives of Locals 79 and 78 and the MTDCPAC, NYS LECET and the Mason Tenders Training Fund.



Banners from Greater New York LECET's Built Better, Built Safer, Built Union campaign have begun to appear on jobsites all around the city and Long Island. In addition to the Sciame banner (left) at the Morgan Library on 37th Street and Madison Avenue, banners have been hung on Tishman, Turner, Sweet and EW Howell jobsites.