

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Expanded its ongoing *Built Better, Built Safer, Built Union* marketing campaign with additional job site banners and regular advertisements in *City Hall News*.
- Met with officials from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development to encourage the adoption of responsible bidding and mandatory apprenticeship language in agency requests for proposals.
- Monitored and tracked public works projects to ensure compliance with prevailing wage and other regulations.



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Greater New York LECET Sponsors Seminar on School Construction

Greater New York LECET sponsored a day-long school construction seminar for local school board officials in Suffolk County, New York. Attended by more than 100 school board officials, labor leaders, contractor representatives, and attorneys, the seminar focused on the legal requirements for bidding school work in the County. New York State Commissioner of Labor Patricia Smith, Suffolk County District Attorney Tom Spota, and several other state and local officials briefed participants about prevailing wage and other school construction regulations. Response to the seminar was very positive, and the affiliate is planning a similar seminar for Nassau County in early 2008.

The seminar grew out of Greater New York's ongoing work on school construction. Frustrated by having to compete with contractors who skirted the law, several years ago the affiliate established a relationship with then-New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and his office. They found allies in Spitzer and the chief of his Labor Bureau, Patricia Smith, both of whom wanted to improve enforcement of state prevailing wage and other labor laws. When Spitzer became Governor in January, 2007, he appointed Smith New York State Commissioner of Labor, and Smith asked Greater New York LECET to arrange these seminars in order to educate school officials about their responsibilities.

Greater New York LECET hopes that these seminars will help to further level the playing field for all contractors bidding on school construction work, while also providing an opportunity for Laborers and their signatory contractors to establish contacts with public school decision makers.



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