

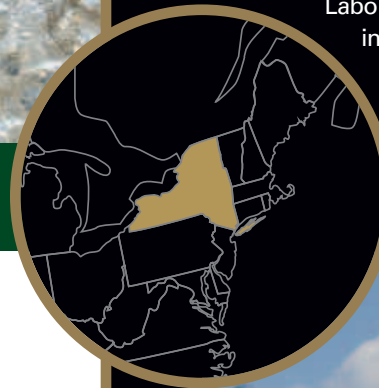


## NEW YORK STATE LECET

### New York State LECET Builds Coalitions to Increase Impact

New York State LECET continued to build coalitions with a broad range of organizations to amplify the voice of Laborers and contractors at all levels of government. The affiliate lobbied for increased transportation and infrastructure funding alongside other labor organizations, contractor associations, and various interest groups under the umbrella of the New York Roadway Improvement Coalition (NYRIC). NYS LECET's Administrator serves as President of the coalition, which has become the state's leading transportation construction advocacy organization. The affiliate also is active in the Empire State Transportation Alliance, a coalition of groups that work together on downstate transportation issues. When New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg proposed implementing congestion pricing in Manhattan, NYS LECET began working with other organizations throughout the city to support increased funding for mass transit infrastructure.

NYS LECET is active in the newly formed Business and Labor Coalition of New York (BALCONY), which works on issues of common interest to New York City's business associations and public and private sector unions. BALCONY currently is working on health care reform, education reform, school construction, and transportation infrastructure issues. NYS LECET has even worked with several environmental organizations to call for greater funding of mass transit construction and to support water treatment improvements to clean up Long Island Sound. The affiliate's work on the Sound with Audubon New York was featured in a recent issue of *Audubon* magazine.



### OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Persuaded the Governor to declare a moratorium on the approval of new apprenticeship programs, the first step in a new statewide crack down on sham apprenticeship programs.
- Co-sponsored a seminar on prevailing wage compliance in public school construction with Greater New York LECET.
  - Continued to run advertisements promoting Laborers and their signatory contractors in various construction industry trade publications.
  - Promoted New York State Laborers at various trade shows and conferences.



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