



New England Laborers' Labor-Management Cooperation Trust

NELLMCT Sponsors Conference on Apprenticeship, Upcoming Projects

To help New England Laborers' Local Unions and their signatory contractors stay current on apprenticeship regulations, the New England Laborers' Labor-Management Cooperation Trust (NELLMCT) sponsored *Apprenticeship in New England 2010*, a day-long conference on recent changes to federal and state apprenticeship regulations. The meeting gave the more than 200 Local Union and signatory contractor representatives in attendance the chance to learn how recent regulatory changes would affect their work, ask questions about these changes, hear about the latest offerings from the New England Laborers' Training Academy (NELTA), and network with one another.

The conference included a comprehensive overview of NELTA's Laborer Apprenticeship program, presentations from LIUNA apprenticeship coordinators, a state-by-state comparison of apprenticeship laws throughout New England, and briefings by federal and state apprenticeship officials. Conference participants also learned about, and were able to discuss, several upcoming projects and jobs and their related apprenticeship and training requirements. LIUNA General Secretary-Treasurer and New England Regional Manager Armand E. Sabitoni welcomed participants to the meeting and delivered the keynote address.

The gathering was the latest in a series of programs that NELLMCT has launched to help New England Laborers and their signatory contractors expand market share and win projects and jobs.

Top: Connecticut Labor Department Apprenticeship Program Director Jack Guerra speaks to NELLMCT's Apprenticeship in New England 2010 conference. Seated, left to right, are: NELLMCT Administrator Dominick Ruggerio; David Wallace, Director of Apprenticeship, Massachusetts Department of Labor; Bernard Tremel, Jr, Director of Training, Rhode Island Department of Apprenticeship and Training; and Howard Carney, Rhode Island State Director, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. PHOTO COURTESY NELLMCT.



OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Helped Cape Wind establish, and win approval for, a wind farm off Nantucket Sound that will create projects and jobs for Laborers and their signatory contractors.
- Worked with NELTA staff and Massachusetts state education officials to win approval of the Construction Craft Laborer Program as an official vocational education program recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Education.
- Helped NELTA develop accreditation standards for instructors in the Construction Craft Laborer vocation education program.
- Assisted the Massachusetts Laborers' District Council with research and analysis of proposed legislation affecting the use of flaggers in the state.



LECET Co-Chairman and LIUNA General-Secretary Treasurer and New England Regional Manager Armand E. Sabitoni addresses participants in NELLMCT's Apprenticeship in New England 2010 conference. PHOTO COURTESY NELLMCT.

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