

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Helped launch the Smart Growth Economic Coalition, a business-labor organization that helped pass six pieces of economic development legislation in New Jersey.
- Working with the Alliance for Competitive Contracting (ACC), helped to debar 16 prevailing wage violators from bidding on public works, and to win more than \$300,000 in fines, fees, and back wages.
- Created the LIUNA Public Works Program with the New Jersey Building Laborers' District Council, to enable state and local public works departments to augment their existing workforce with LIUNA members as needed.
- Continued to work with the Keep New Jersey Moving Coalition to urge renewal of the state's Transportation Trust Fund.



A member of Laborers' Local Union 472 sets block for a retaining wall at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson, New Jersey. PHOTO COURTESY NEW JERSEY LECET.

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New Jersey LECET Helps Win PLAs on Large Projects

The \$146-million modernization of Newark, New Jersey's Rodino Federal Building will be performed under a project labor agreement (PLA), thanks, in part, to the work of New Jersey LECET (NJ LECET). The PLA, between the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) and the Essex County Building Trades Council, grew out of NJ LECET's ongoing efforts to increase the use of PLAs on large federal and state construction projects.

Although President Obama signed an executive order urging the use of PLAs on federal projects valued at \$25 million or more, construction officials at many federal installations were slow to comply. NJ LECET asked members of New Jersey's Congressional delegation to encourage the use of PLAs on federal projects located in the state, and after several meetings between federal officials and local building trades councils, the GSA agreed to utilize a PLA on the Rodino building modernization project. New Jersey Laborers and their signatory contractors expect to win a large share of the work on the project. NJ LECET currently is involved in similar discussions regarding the use of PLAs on several upcoming Army Corps of Engineers projects in the state.

New Jersey LECET and the LIUNA Eastern Regional Office also worked with the LIUNA Mid-Atlantic Regional Office and the Mid-Atlantic Cooperation Trust to secure a PLA with the Delaware River Joint Tolls Commission covering the \$310-million Scudders Falls Bridge Improvement Project, which will employ Laborers in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Top: Laborers' Local Union 172 members work as a team to set the grade for a new sidewalk.
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