Honoring Infrastructure Leadership, LICA Welcomes Senator Martins

At a time when unemployment levels for the construction trades remain at shocking levels, it has become more important than ever for our industry to support those elected officials who have consistently fought on behalf of Long Island’s roads, rails and bridges. Among those who have displayed consistent leadership in this arena is New York State Senator Jack M. Martins, who is being honored at the Long Island Contractors’ Association’s (LICA’s) upcoming Infrastructure Advocacy Reception.

In addition, LICA is asking its members to support infrastructure allies who, like Senator Martins, insist on protecting the taxpayers’ biggest investment, our roads and bridges, when LICA’s reception is held on Thursday, October 11th from 5:30 to 7:00pm, at La Marmite Restaurant in Williston Park.

“Senator Martins has proven through his record as Mayor of the Village of Mineola and now as a New York State Senator that he is a true advocate of public works and infrastructure necessary to protect our region,” stated LICA Chairman James Pratt, Ill of Pratt Brothers, Inc. “Throughout his political career he has been keenly aware of the value the heavy construction industry provides and has made investing in our (Continued on next page)
infrastructure and local community one of his top priorities. This is why LICA has chosen to honor Martins at this year’s Infrastructure Advocacy Reception.”

Immediately upon taking office in January 2011, Senator Martins began working with his colleagues to get New York on the right fiscal path. The result was an on-time budget for 2011-2012 that reduced State spending by 2 percent and eliminated a $10 billion deficit without any tax or fee increases.

In 2012, Senator Martins and his colleagues followed up their success, again passing an on-time budget without raising any taxes or fees. The budget also once again made job creation a priority by investing in infrastructure and promoting regional economic development. Because of his work in economic development and community revitalization, Senator Martins was named as the lone Senate representative to the Long Island Regional Economic Development Council.

By way of demonstrating the importance of this elected official, LICA’s political action committee will be matching individual contributions to ensure that Senator Martins has the resources to have his message heard. The suggested contribution is $250 or $500 per guest.

If you are interested in attending, please click here for LICA’s invitation. Please send your response form to LICA Comptroller & Office Administrator Sheryl Buro at sburo@licanys.org or by fax at 631-231-4291.

LICA Sends Political Delegates the Road Map that Gets Them to the Convention

Long Island Contractors’ Association (LICA) Chairman James Pratt (left) and the group’s Executive Director, Marc Herbst, are sending roadmaps to the respective party leaders attending Republican and Democratic Presidential nominating conventions with a note that reminds them, “no infrastructure – no incumbents.” Says Herbst, “You can’t get to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue without working roads and bridges.”
LICA Prepares Emergency Response Team in Anticipation of Hurricane Season

Last August, as Long Islanders buckled down in their homes to brace for the impact of Hurricane Irene, LICA put its members’ inventory of vehicles on a “war footing,” placing them at the disposal of county and town highway departments throughout Nassau and Suffolk to assist in restoring power, opening key roads and clearing paths for emergency equipment as quickly and efficiently as possible. They included some of the most powerful payloaders, bulldozers and dump trucks in the region usually assigned to building roads, bridges and other heavy construction projects.

One year later, hurricane season is again upon us and LICA is asking those members who would like to be placed on the “on-call” emergency list to send us their contact information and list of equipment available for use. If our services are needed, LICA will be in contact with local municipalities to advise them of the LICA member resources available at particular locations.

“LICA’s emergency response team played a crucial role in combating the aftermath of last summer’s hurricane. The extra manpower and equipment provided by our members for the clean-up effort represented the type of public-private partnership that is especially effective during times of severe weather,” stated LICA’s Executive Director Marc Herbst.

“Should private equipment and manpower be required in the future, we would like to be able to refer interested firms as expeditiously as possible.”

If your firm is interested in being “on-call,” please email LICA’s Manager of Communication Michelle Giametta at MGiametta@licanys.org with your firm’s contact, cell phone number, and a list of the number and type of equipment you would be able to place into service.

LICA Voices Support for Sale of Suffolk County Land to Brookhaven Rail Terminal

The Suffolk County Legislature’s recent public hearing was an important milestone in determining whether the Long Island region can further embrace a “green” approach to transporting many of the bulk materials it depends upon. Lawmakers were asked to consider a county proposal to sell 230 acres of Suffolk County-owned land in Yaphank to Oakland Transportation Holdings LLC, which operates Brookhaven Rail Terminal (BRT) on Sills Road.

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BRT celebrated its grand opening a little over a year ago and was created in response to the need to eliminate thousands of truck trips on our local highways and thereby aid our environment. The development and construction of the $40 million facility was privately funded by a partnership of construction and rail companies, including LICA member Pratt Brothers, Inc. and U.S. Rail Corporation.

**Already improving our air shed**

The facility, located near Exit 66 south of the Long Island Expressway, is Long Island’s first multimodal freight rail facility in decades. In its first eleven months of operation it has received 843 rail cars containing stone, flour and biodiesel, taking a combined inbound and outbound 8,316 long-haul trucks off the Long Island Expressway. Using State metrics for this kind of study, this extrapolates into 361,380 fewer gallons of diesel fuel consumed. In addition, that’s over five million dollars saved in travel time and highway congestion costs, nearly half a million in highway and bridge maintenance costs and tons of reduced carbon, NO\(_X\) and particulate matter emissions.

According to BRT operators, the new land could be used to build a dry and refrigerated storage warehouse that will also be serviced by rail and could enable them to export locally produced goods.

**Advocating for the environment’s future**

“The time has come to be heard on behalf of environmental solutions here on Long Island,” stated LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst. “In the past we have heard the now expected reactionary response to any proposal that actually begins to proactively deal with our environmental, transportation and infrastructure issues. If it’s wind power, sure! But not here. If it’s improved railroad service, excellent. But not now. If it’s about sewers, good idea but not given the cost. I would argue that it’s time we close the door on that type of convulsive opposition to projects that are responsible, effective and strategically vital to protecting our environment.”

The Association for a Better Long Island (ABLI) also advocated for the sale of the Suffolk County-owned land. Speaking on behalf of ABLI President Jan Burman, Amanda Scott of ABLI stated, “The Brookhaven Rail Terminal has demonstrated that it is a transformational project which promotes many of the strategies identified in the 2011 Long Island Strategic Plan. Now it’s time to let it assume its role as a regional leader in creating environmentally sound solutions to what have been intractable problems. We support this proposed sale and the benefits it will bring to the county, the region and our collective future.”

Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone, whose administration has already factored the $20 million revenue that will be generated from the sale into the county’s cash flow projections for November, is hoping it will help meet the county’s $530 million shortfall.

The Legislative committee closed the hearing with the possibility of a final vote at its next meeting on September 13th.
NY Works Task Force Hosts Public Forum on Capital Budget Process as it Seeks Job Creation

The New York Works Task Force has extended an invitation to LICA members to attend tomorrow's public forum at 10:30 a.m. featuring LICA's Executive Director Marc Herbst as one of the morning's panelists, as the group seeks input on New York State's capital budget process.

This spring, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver announced Task Force membership, bringing together leading finance, labor, planning and transportation professionals to coordinate a statewide infrastructure plan that will more effectively and strategically allocate New York's capital investment funding and create thousands of jobs. In addition to its regular, public meetings, the Task Force is holding public forums throughout New York State at which community stakeholders can provide input on the capital budget process.

The meeting will be held at the offices of the Sustainability Institute at Molloy College Farmingdale Campus, Atrium Meeting Room, 7180 Republic Airport, Farmingdale, NY.

For more information on this event, click here. If you are interested in attending you must RSVP by clicking here.

NYSDOT Releases Draft RFQ for Next Phase of Route 347 Project

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) seeks Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified firms interested in performing design, construction, quality control, construction inspection and other identified activities for the NY Route 347 – Route 111 to Mount Pleasant Road.

The Project involves Design-Build services for the widening, repair and rehabilitation of the NY Route 347 – Route 111 to Mount Pleasant Road in the Town of Smithtown, NY. The project will include but is not limited to the following:

- Roadway, sidewalk and shared use path construction;
- Noise barrier construction;
- Signing and pavement markings;
- Utility relocations;
- Drainage; and
- Landscape to meet aesthetic requirements.

Click here to view the draft RFQ for the next phase of the Route 347 project.
CFMA to Honor LICA Member as ‘2012 Construction Executive of the Year’

Mark your calendars! Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) is hosting their Annual Dinner to benefit Contractors for Kids (CFK) on Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

As the CFMA’s 2010 Construction Executive of the Year, LICA’s Executive Director Marc Herbst is asking you to support this year’s honoree and LICA member, Executive Vice President of Skanska USA Michael Viggiano.

CFK is a not-for-profit organization founded for the purpose of providing assistance to families in our communities. Their goal is to assist children and their families overcome obstacles that have unfortunately changed or impacted their lives through sickness, injury or death. Whether it is to pay a phone bill or mortgage payment, aiding in paying for medical bills deemed experimental or due to lack of insurance, arranging transportation or paying for a room to allow families to remain close during these tough times, or in heart breaking cases when a child does not survive illness and a family needs financial help with burying a child, Contractors for Kids will be there.

Click here for sponsorship opportunities and/or to purchase a journal ad for this event. For more information or to RSVP for this event, click here.

Continuing to Support Contractors for Kids...

There’s only one month left until CFK’s 7th Annual Family Fun Day and Picnic on Saturday, September 15th from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at Southaven County Park, Upper Level, and they want you to join them!

Voted best picnic in 2007 and 2008 by Long Island Business News (LBN), CFK invites your company to have your corporate picnic with them. CFK will supply all the food, beverages and fun and you supply the people. Picnic tables will be available for you so no need for you to bring any chairs. There will be rides, games and fun things for children of all ages. Corporate Sponsorships are available. Click here for more information.

Labor Day Holiday Schedule

Click here to view the LICA/GCA holiday schedules for Labor Day.
Welcome, New Members

**GENERAL CONTRACTOR:**
Atlantic Coast Dock Construction
71 Alder Drive
Mastic Beach, NY 11951
631.281.0041

**SUB-CONTRACTOR:**
Tiki Industries
8 Tree Haven Lane
Riverhead, NY 11901
516.779.3629

**ASSOCIATE:**
Moritt, Hock & Hamroff, LLP
400 Garden City Plaza
Garden City, NY 11530
516.873.2000

**Numbers in red represent the winning bid**  
**Highlighted and bold companies represent LICA Members**

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