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***BTEA ANNOUNCES NEW CO-CHAIRMEN:  
RICHARD KENNEDY OF SKANSKA AND  
JOE LEO OF ATLANTIC CONTRACTING & SPECIALTIES, LLC***

**NEW YORK—February 17, 2016—The Building Trades Employers' Association (BTEA)** is pleased to announce that **Richard Kennedy**, Chief Operating Officer of **Skanska USA**, and **Joe Leo**, President of **Atlantic Contracting & Specialties, LLC**, have been elected by the association's Board of Governors to serve as the new **Co-Chairmen**.

**About Richard Kennedy**

Richard Kennedy is the Chief Operating Officer for Skanska USA Building's operations in Metro New York and a member of the company's national Senior Leadership Team. He serves as the company's Ethics Champion and the executive sponsor of Skanska's Healthcare Center of Excellence. Mr. Kennedy has also served as a Board Member of several Skanska affiliates, currently as a director of Skanska USA Commercial Development.

A 21-year veteran of the construction industry, Mr. Kennedy joined Skanska in 2004 and has overseen some of Skanska's most high-profile projects in recent years, including the \$1.7 billion United Nations Capital Master Plan renovation project and the \$1.2 billion MetLife Stadium project. Currently, he is leading the Skanska-led design-build joint venture for the region's largest Public-Private Partnership (P3) to replace the Central Terminal Building at LaGuardia Airport.

In addition to his day-to-day operational duties, Mr. Kennedy is an active construction industry participant and currently serves as Co-Chair for the Building Trades Employers' Association of New York City (BTEA), Director of the New York Building Contractors Association and Executive Committee Member of the New York ACE Mentor Program. Mr. Kennedy supports a variety of charitable organizations, and has been honored by the Boy Scouts of America with its Construction and Transportation Industry award.

**About Joe Leo**

Joe Leo is President of Atlantic Contracting & Specialties, LLC. Atlantic specializes in mechanical insulation, abatement, and firestop systems within the commercial and industrial markets. Mr. Leo oversees all project operations, safety, labor relations, and business development for Atlantic's locations in New York City, Fishkill, Albany, Syracuse, Hartford and Boston.

Mr. Leo has spent 18 of his over 37 years in the construction industry with Atlantic. He has overseen the construction of many of high profile projects in New York City including the World Trade Center's Transportation Hub, Columbia University, Fordham Law School, the Croton Water Pollution Control

Plant, the new Astoria II co-generation power plant, One Bryant Park, and The New School's University Center.

Mr. Leo is President of the Insulation Contractor's Association of New York City (ICA), Treasurer of the Insulation Contractor's Association of Southern New York (ICASNY), and Secretary of the Subcontractors Trade Association (STA). He serves on the board of the National Insulation Association (NIA), the Eastern States Insulation Contractor's Association (where he formerly served as President) (ESICA), and the National Union Insulation Contractor Alliance (NUICA). He is Co-Chairman of the Trust Funds for both the Heat and Frost Insulators of New York City and Westchester, and sits as a Trustee on the Funds in Connecticut. He also serves on Irex Corporation's Senior Management Team.

**About The Building Trades Employers' Association (BTEA)**

*The Building Trades Employers' Association (BTEA) consists of 27 trade union contractor associations, representing the 2,000 construction managers, general contractors and specialty subcontractor firms in New York City, who employ 125,000 tradespeople. Members range in size from multi-billion dollar internationally recognized firms to small and mid-sized specialty trade contracting firms. The BTEA works to advance the interest of New York City Construction Trade Associations and their corporate members, recognizing that a vibrant unionized construction industry is essential to the economic future of New York City. For more information, visit <http://www.bteany.com>.*

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