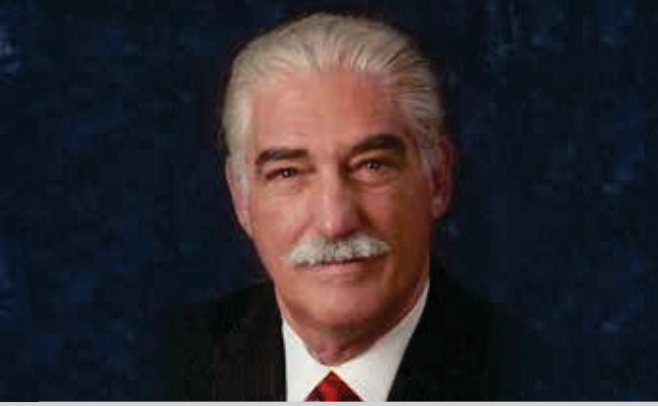




# BUILDING TRADES EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS



Louis Coletti  
President and CEO  
Building Trades Employers' Association

## NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli Addresses BTEA's Board of Governors Meeting

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The message heard over and over again at our Annual Safety Awards breakfast was that even one life to lose is too many. As an industry, we must and will continue to focus like a laser on the safety of our workers. The BTEA's Safety Committee is a vibrant monthly meeting where safety professionals share their great ideas, and, it's currently the only meeting in New York City with FDNY, OSHA and DOB reporting to our members on safety statistics and trends.

Some of the safety initiatives of the BTEA's Safety Committee:

- Zero Tolerance Safety Initiative: a demonstrated management commitment that starts at the CEO level; a financial commitment for the staffing levels to achieve this objective; pre-project safety planning; safety education with workers on the jobsite; safety evaluation and recognition rewards for safety compliance; subcontractor safety management and thorough accident investigations.
- Safety Code of Conduct: an agreement in partnership with all of the trade unions of the Building & Construction Trade Council.

Going forward, we will continue to push for greater safety requirements which should apply at all sites across the City. These include:

- Mandatory OSHA 10hr Training for all workers, including sites below ten stories.
- Required drug and alcohol testing.
- Netting and cocooning for new buildings above ten stories.

These are the principles that are followed each and every day on BTEA contractor job sites. We would like to see these safety measures on all sites across the City.



**THE BTEA'S APRIL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING** was keynoted by a key supporter of the construction industry in New York State; Comptroller Tom DiNapoli.

Comptroller DiNapoli provided the Board of Governors with an overview of the economic health of the state and its budget priorities for this fiscal year and beyond. Discussing his responsibilities as the Administrator of the New York State and Local Retirement System for public employees; sole trustee of the \$184.5 billion New York State Common Retirement Fund, maintaining the State's accounting system and administering the State's approximately \$15 billion payroll, and, as auditor of all of New York's State agencies. He mentioned that unemployment was relatively low in the state, and that construction was a major factor in creating new jobs across the state and city.

Switching to the construction industry, Comptroller DiNapoli shared his hopes, and vision, of investments in infrastructure and spending on mass transit projects. A topic of conversation was the MWBE goals set for State capital and infrastructure projects. The Comptroller acknowledged the potential obstacles contractors face, and, vowed to further study the issue.

After his remarks concluded, the Comptroller answered a wide range of questions; both affecting union contractors, but also the State finances in general.

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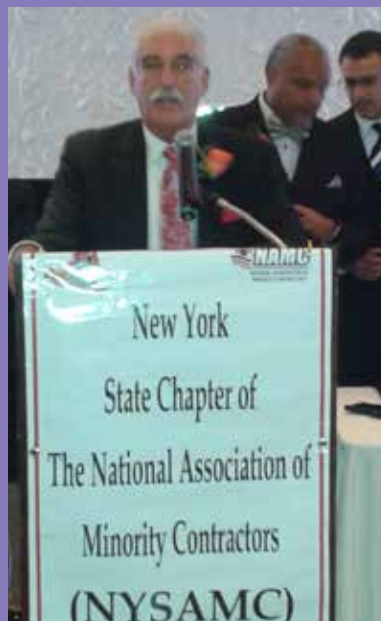
## BTEA PRESIDENT RECEIVES "MILLENNIAL AWARD" FROM NYSAMC

### THE NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF MINORITY CONTRACTORS (NYSAMC)

honored BTEA President Louis Coletti with its "2015 Millennial Award" at its Annual Dinner in October. Coletti was among a prestigious group of award winners which included former New York City Mayor Davis Dinkins, and State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie. The Keynote Speaker of the evening was Maya Wiley, Counsel to Mayor deBlasio.

During his remarks, Coletti called for increase communication: "talking to each other, instead of at each other". Coletti was introduced by Jim Heylinger, who called on NYSAMC members to explore new partnerships with the BTEA.

NYSAMC President Joe Coello leads and association of minority and women owned firms in construction and related industries throughout New York State.



## BTEA FALL MEETING SCHEDULE

### November

**Association Executives**  
 Tuesday, Nov. 10th | 8am

**Safety Committee**  
 Wednesday, Nov 18th | 8am

### December

**Association Executives**  
 Tuesday, Dec. 1st | 8 am

**Board of Governors**  
 Thursday, Dec. 10th | 8 am

**Safety Committee**  
 Wednesday, Dec. 16th | 8am

### January

**Board of Governors |  
 Annual Meeting**  
 Thursday, Jan 14th | 8am

# 2015 BTEA SAFETY AWARDS

**THE ANNUAL BTEA SAFETY AWARDS** were presented to those contractors who took safety practice and innovation to the next level. Each year BTEA contractors make safety their number one priority. In addition, a special award, the “Hardhat Hero”, was presented by BTEA Safety Committee Chairs Dwayne Carter and Frank Heidinger to Steamfitter and ex-Marine, Juan Lopez, who saved four police officers as he rushed to pull them from a burning van in Brooklyn. The breakfast was highlighted by the keynote speaker Rick Chandler, Commissioner of the Department of Buildings, who stated “My commitment to you is that, in everything we do, our focus will always be on safety”. And the winners are:



## Best Practice

Turner Construction Company –  
Passive/Perimeter Netting System  
NYU Science Building

Lend Lease US Construction LMB, Inc./  
Sorbara Construction  
56 Leonard Street

### Honorable Mention

Tishman Construction, an AECOM Company  
Shaft Permitting at One Riverside Park



## Safety Innovation

Tishman Construction, an AECOM Company  
5 Manhattan West  
Innovative Façade Replacement

### Honorable Mention

Tishman Construction, an AECOM Company  
3 World Trade Center  
WOLFFKRAN Crane



## Safety Culture

Lend Lease US Construction LMB, Inc.  
Columbia Manhattanville

### Honorable Mention

Durr Mechanical Construction  
Technology Training



## Overall Project Safety

Skanska  
New York Presbyterian Hospital

### Honorable Mention

J.T. Magen & Company  
Interior Renovation 140 West Street



## Hardhat Hero – Public Safety Award

Juan Lopez  
Enterprise Association  
Steamfitters Union, 638



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**2015 CITY & STATE: 'ON DIVERSITY' FORUM**



Coletti with Bertha Lewis

(Left to right) Coletti, Bicrot, Wilkens, Walker and Blake

**THE BTEA WAS A KEY PRESENTER AND SPONSOR** of public affairs magazine 'City & State' fourth annual "On Diversity" forum. The event is set up to expound on the economic advantages of promoting diversity in the public and private sectors. City & State convened multiple panels of experts to discuss workforce diversity and best practices that will help organizations reach new markets. BTEA President Lou Coletti sat with New York Legislators and MWBE advocates hoping to enact legislation at the city and state level to boost the share of government contracts going to MWBE firms. Coletti joined with those officials and experts to discuss what effect these bills will have, and other legislation that could be considered.

**BTEA VP NAMED CO-CHAIR OF CITY POLY INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



**BTEA SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT DONALD RANSHE** was named as Co-Chairman of the committee and is tasked with building relationships between the construction industry and students. The Committee will explore internships, mentoring and promoting construction as a career path for high school students. The Committee will also supplement the curriculum at City Poly.