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Updates on the LEED 2009 Rating System & LEED AP Credentials

Presented by Green Building Alliance & Master Builders' Association

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

7:30-8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00-9:30 a.m. Program

Location: Master Builders' Association
631 Iron City Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Cost: \$35 for GBA & MBA Members; \$45 for nonmembers

For more information, visit either www.gbapgh.org or www.mbawpa.org.

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Important Dates

July 4, 2009
Independence Day *

July 7, 2009
Pittsburgh Builders Exchange Web Training at the MBA

July 21, 2009
GBA-MBA LEED Update Seminar

July 28, 2009
Affiliate Council Seminar on Bid-Protests

July 31, 2009
Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh's Club Noir

August 21, 2009
MBA Risk Management Committee's 2009 Safety Appreciation Night

August 27, 2009
NAIOP-MBA Mechanic's Lien Law Seminar

September 7, 2009
Labor Day *

September 14, 2009
MBA 2009 Golf Outing

* MBA Labor Agreements grant denoted days as holidays.

Western PA Proud History & Facts About Our Home

Pittsburgh's Liberty Tunnel is the first automobile tunnel built in the country.

Skill, Integrity, Quality Same Values, New Location

In mid-May 2009, the CAP & MBA staff began settling into their LEED-registered new home in the foothills of Foster Plaza.

Long-term sustainability was a key decision driver in the renovation of the new headquarters. This 10,000-square foot building maximizes energy efficiency, minimizes waste, reduces climate-changing emissions and encourages environmental values.

The building features automated systems that monitor and control the heating, cooling, ventilation and building efficiency.

Another operational element that displays eco-friendly elements is the air quality. During



construction, materials with low VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) were used, reducing harmful fumes associated with paints, adhesives, sealants and carpets.

"As an association that's committed to being an industry leader that's environmentally and socially responsible, it's important for the MBA to lead by example and obtain a high LEED rating for our headquarters," said Jack Ramage, MBA Executive Director.

The MBA's 'green team' for this project included the following:

General Contractor: F.J. Busse Co, Inc.

Designers: Rothschild Doyno Collaborative; and m/de*sign

Subcontractors:

AMB, Inc.

Bronder Technical

Flooring Contractors of Pgh

Harris Masonry, Inc.

Keystone Metals

Massaro Industries

Master Woodcraft

Phoenix Roofing

I.D. Ritter

Seech Industries

Specified Systems, Inc.

SSM

Uhl Construction Co.

The address is: 631 Iron City Dr; Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

Stop in next time you're in the area!

Construction Industry Wage Rate Updates

CAP has received construction industry wage rate updates at a fast and furious pace. The following wage rates are posted on the MBA website:

- Bricklayers LU #9
- Bricklayers LU#9—Marble Masons
- Bricklayers LU#9—Stone Masons

- Bricklayers LU#9—Terrazzo I & II
- Bricklayers LU #9—Tile & Marble Finishers
- Bricklayers LU # #9—Tile Setters
- District Council #57, Drywall Finishers LU #2006
- Ironworkers LU #3
- Millwrights LU #2235

- Plasterers LU #31
- Plumbers LU #27
- Roofers LU #37
- Sprinkler Fitters LU #542
- Steamfitters LU #449

A link to all area wage rates is located on the MBA homepage (www.mbawpa.org).

MBA Committee Corner: MBA Risk Management Committee

The MBA Risk Management Committee will once again host an event to recognize the importance of safety in the Western Pennsylvania commercial construction industry. This year's Safety Appreciation Night will be held at PNC PARK on **Friday, August 21, 2009**, as the Pittsburgh Pirates take on the Cincinnati Reds.

This catered banquet will take place in the left field area of the park on the Southwest Flight Deck.

During the evening, the safety accomplishments of the MBA firms will be rewarded. Once the Risk Management Committee has finalized the details on this event,

the industry will be informed on how to register.

In other safety news, the MBA Risk Management Committee is planning a seminar in conjunction with Mobile Medical Corporation on the Western Pennsylvania Labor/Management Drug-Free Partnership. Entering its tenth year of existence, the MBA's substance abuse testing program prevents the use and/or abuse of drugs and alcohol on an MBA jobsite. This commitment in safeguarding the health of the workforce has resulted in safer construction jobsites that, along with reducing accidents, has improved productivity. This drug-

free program has served as a model for the nation to emulate. When details are finalized on this tenth anniversary update seminar, an event notice will be sent to the industry.

Finally in safety news, when it was announced that the MBA headquarters was nearing completion, an obvious topic that should be covered for the first training was safety. The MBA has a renowned reputation as the safest contractors in our region and it was quite fitting that on May 11 & 12, 2009, over sixty safety professionals attended the two-day Focus Four Training Seminar.



AGC Signs Partnering Agreement with American Bar Association

One of the most wasteful aspects of the construction process is the litigious and adversarial nature of getting a project built. Part of the problem stems from contractors not understanding what lawyers can and cannot do for them and from lawyers not understanding the business of construction.

The AGC and the American Bar Association are trying to do

something about it. In early June, the AGC and the ABA signed a partnering agreement to increase communications and understanding between the construction industry and construction attorneys.

This partnering agreement is a proactive step in the right direction. At the top of the list of action items from this agreement is for both organizations to promote a

reasonable allocation of both risk and responsibility as an essential element for all construction contract relationships.

By encouraging and promoting collaboration, the AGC and the ABA are helping to facilitate better construction projects tomorrow, starting today. For more information, contact AGC's Brian Perlberg at 703-837-5318.

GBA New Headquarters Awarded LEED Platinum Rating

The Green Building Alliance headquarters has been awarded Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum certification, from the U.S. Green Building Council. The Platinum rating is the highest possible rating.

GBA's office, renovated by Jendoco Construction Corp., is the first project in Western Pennsylvania to receive USGBC's Platinum rating. GBA is also

the first USGBC chapter to achieve LEED certification for its offices.

"Pittsburgh's reputation as a leader in sustainable construction in large part is due to the outstanding advocacy efforts of the GBA," said Jack Ramage, Executive Director, MBA. "It's great to see organizations back their beliefs with their actions—congratulations GBA on becoming the first USGBC chapter to be housed in a green certified building."

GBA is located in Pittsburgh's South Side in the historic River Walk Corporate Centre. The GBA is a nonprofit organization that advances economic prosperity and human wellbeing in Western Pennsylvania by driving market demand for green buildings and green building products.

For more information on the GBA visit www.gbapgh.org.

MBA News

Join the MBA on LinkedIn—The MBA launched its own group on LinkedIn to allow the membership to interact via the internet and to share media coverage. To learn more go to the MBA homepage.

Construction Career Center—The following resumes have been received since the last edition of the CAPSule Report:

- Superintendent with over twenty-eight years experience.
- Senior financial manager with over twenty-five years experience.
- Construction administrator

with over thirty-three years experience.

- Project manager/purchaser with over seventeen years experience.
- Construction professional with background in estimating and degree in Mechanical Engineering.
- Estimator/project manager with seven years experience.
- Engineering student at West Virginia University seeks internship this summer and next.

Do you have open positions? The CAPSule Report offers free job listings. For more info call 412-922-4703.



MBA Members Need Meeting Space—For members that need meeting space for staff training or superintendent meetings, contact the MBA to see if our new headquarters can accommodate your needs. We have first-class audio-visual equipment that can make your next company function a memorable event. Also we have plenty of parking.

To inquire about meeting space, contact the MBA office.

CMU FASA Seeks Mentors for Summer Program

The Carnegie Mellon University's Foster Academic & Social Achievement (FASA) Program is seeking help for 23 middle school students from Faison Intermediate School in Homewood who participate in a summer camp. The students, who have been in this anti-violence program since 5th grade, are completing their final project in the FASA program. Their project involves installing fitness stations

and a raised community garden in a vacant lot adjacent to the Homewood YMCA.

To help the students with this project and provide career counseling, FASA is looking for mentors who could spend about three hours with the students from July 22 to July 31. Mentors are sought with knowledge in the following areas: landscape

architecture, construction supervision and marketing/promotions. Mentors will meet with one or two students during the program.

If anyone has questions on the FASA program and would like more information, please contact Shelly Brown, Program Manager for FASA, at 412-600-3715.

Miscellaneous News

Pittsburgh Builders Exchange Web Training—The Pittsburgh Builders Exchange will host a web training class at the MBA building on July 7, 2009, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. To register contact the Pittsburgh Builders Exchange at 412-922-4200 or jaci@pghbx.org.

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh's Club Noir—On the evening of Friday, July 31, 2009, Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh will host its annual fundraiser at the Westin Hotel & Convention Center. For more information, visit www.rebuildingtogether-pgh.org.

BreakingGround Editorial Calendar for Remainder of the Year—The 2009 Editorial Calendar for BreakingGround can be found on the MBA's homepage. If you have sidebar article suggestions to accompany an issues topic, contact the magazine's publisher at breakingground@mbawpa.org.