### 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.gbpgh.org or www.mbwpa.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**
  NAIFOP-MBA Mechanic’s Lien Law Seminar
- **September 7, 2009**
  Labor Day *
- **September 14, 2009**
  MBA 2009 Golf Outing

* MBA Labor Agreements grant designated days as holidays.

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### Skill, Integrity, Quality

**Same Values, New Location**

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.

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**
- **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**

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

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