

ROOFERS IN THE NEWS

ROOFING STORIES AND EVENTS THAT ARE MAKING HEADLINES



early phase of construction



near completion

AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust Provides \$100 Million to Finance Pediatric Center in Yonkers Local 12 and Local 8 Roofers Benefit from Jobs Created

Last October, AFL-CIO Housing Investment Trust (HIT) Chairman John Sweeney joined local labor, business, and community leaders to announce that a record \$100 million in union pension funds were being invested in the construction of the new Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers, NY. Today the center is near completion, and hundreds of union construction jobs were created in the process.

All on-site construction work on the project was performed by union labor, creating an estimated 800 jobs for members of unions affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Putnam Counties, New York. Another 166 permanent union jobs will transfer to the new location under an existing collective bargaining agreement between the Pediatric Center and 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East.

The project will allow the Pediatric Center to move from overcrowded leased space in Midtown Manhattan to a 165,000-square-foot facility in Yonkers, offering state-of-the-art care for medically fragile children. The HIT is providing \$100 million in financing for the project, the largest single investment in its 45 years of socially responsible investing.

Edward Doyle, Sr., President of the Westchester and Putnam Counties Building and Construction Trades

Unusual Hardware?



The project required the use of special nails for the shingling. Instead of plywood, a gypsum substrate was used. The nails are barbed, and the end of the nail is divided so that it splits open when hammered, thus keeping the shingles from blowing off the gypsum substrate.

Council, praised the work of the Pediatric Center and spoke about the importance of the union construction jobs being generated by the HIT investment. “Everybody knows how the economy is—we need the jobs, you need a home,” said Doyle. “This is being done by 100% union workers, the best craftsmen in the country.”

Roofers out of Local 8, New York, NY, and Local 12, Bridgeport, CT, who earned positions on the project could not agree more. The crew working for Local 12 signatory contractor Barrett Inc. was responsible for 415 squares of shingles on the center and parking facility, including 5,000 snow guards. Because the shingles were adhered to

gypsum substrate, special nails had to be used to keep the shingles fastened (*see box*).

The investment HIT made to the pediatric center brought it significantly closer to its goal of creating 10,000 union construction jobs by 2011 through its nationwide Construction Jobs Initiative. The 10,000-job goal was actually surpassed recently, and the organization plans to redouble its efforts to keep union members working and communities growing. Since its inception, the HIT has invested \$5.8 billion to finance 95,000 units of housing nationwide, generating over 63,000 union jobs.



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Local 12 member John Cassidy on the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center project.



Local 8 3rd-year apprentice Kwane Landerway is skilled in the application of shingles.



Local 8 members Pete Claus and Rich Colvin stack the roof.



Roofers break for a photo with Local 8 Representative Bill Wilmer. From left: Rich Colvin, Bill Wilmer, Pete Claus, John Cassidy and Kwane Landerway.



Western Roofing Expo Convenes in Reno

The Western States Roofing Contractors Association (WSRCA) held its 37th Annual Convention at the Peppermill Resort & Casino from June 5-8, 2011. Nearly 2,500 roofing professionals attended the event, which featured informational and educational sessions, as well as a two-day tradeshow and the Davis Memorial Foundation charity event.

Known for bringing all the elements of the roofing industry together, the Western Roofing Expo 2011 once again focused on the western region of the United States and the specific needs that roofing and waterproofing contractors face in the area. Educational seminars covered a variety of topics.

The tradeshow floor bustled with energy, with exhibitors from around the country displaying their wares. The United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers hosted a popular booth with literature about what the union can offer and International Representatives on hand to discuss the industry with interested parties.



Cameron Sauter, right, of Empire Heating and Cooling in Billings, MT, and his son Brenner enjoy catching up with Assistant Director of Market Development Frank Wall, International Representative Paul Blaski and Director of Market Development Gig Ritenour.



From left: Bay Area Director of Apprenticeship Jose Padilla and International Representative Paul Blaski are glad to see Frank Lawson, president of Local 40 signatory contractor Lawson Roofing.



Local 220, Orange County, CA, Business Manager Brent Beasley (left) and Mark Bledsoe of Western Roofing Service in San Leandro, CA, discuss the roofing scene in their home state.



International Representative Gabby Perea, right, discusses the benefits of "going union" with a contractor.



Cameron Sauter, left, of Local 229, Billings, MT, signatory contractor Empire Heating and Cooling, is the lucky winner of the \$100 American Express gift card raffle, presented by International Representative Paul Blaski.



Commercial Roofers Lands Safety Honor

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Working on three separate locations within one construction project added to logistical and safety considerations, but Local 162, Las Vegas, NV, contractor Commercial Roofers overcame the scheduling and staging challenges to earn the latest Safe Site award from Associated General Contractors Las Vegas.

The nature of the McCarran International Airport A and B Gates project presented its own safety concerns. Commercial Roofers workers engaged in significant leading edgework, and worked in confined spaces, all while performing their jobs in the vicinity of loud, powerful jetliners.

Project Manager Bruce Martin noted the team effort required to ensure safety on a project fraught with potential hazards. "Safety is critical to every project," he said. "When working at the airport on the flight line, it is even more critical. Our safety director, David Ramos, and our site safety officers Sean Howard and Mark Quinn are doing a great job."

Commercial Roofers' \$4 million, 233,000-square-foot airport project includes 31 employees as well as seven other workers from the company's subcontractors. In addition, the



Photo by Troy McKnight, Nevada Safety

From left: Safety Director David Ramos, Foreman Miguel Gonzalez, Superintendent Randy Koivu, Safety Officer Sean Howard and Safety Officer Mark Quinn celebrate Commercial Roofers Safe Site award.

company coordinated with supervisors and workers with Bechtel Infrastructure and the Clark County Department of Aviation.

Project Superintendent Mike Bechtel credited Commercial Roofers' safety culture with ensuring an incident-free project. "Our safety success to date is a result of a safety-focused team," he said. "Our subcontractors, the owner and their construction manager and our personnel have all committed to performing this project safely. We're proud that we have executed this commitment."

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