

# On the SCENE

## NEWYORK

Reports from Key Industry Events

CONNECTICUT, NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK

### OVERHEARD



"Infrastructure improvements aren't expenditures, they're investments to remain competitive and create jobs."

—William Fife, former Aviation Council chair of ASCE Transportation & Development, in his opening statement as moderator of Professional Women in Construction's annual Transportation Forum.

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▲ Construction workers with **Skanska USA**, Whitestone, N.Y., were treated to waffles and ice cream at the Brooklyn Bridge jobsite, where the firm is reconstructing the approaches and ramps on both the Manhattan and Brooklyn sides of the bridge. In addition, Skanska USA is replacing 600 bridge bearings and removing lead-based paint that will be replaced with a safer substitute. The project began in 2010 and is scheduled for completion in 2014. The celebration was part of apparel maker Dickies' "90 Years Strong Tour" to honor "America's hardest workers."



◀ **The Young Leaders Group of Urban Land Institute New York** recently took a private tour of the World Trade Center construction site as part of an annual program providing exclusive

exposure to the stages of the construction process. **Jason Tirri**, program manager at **The Louis Berger Group**, New York, and assistant chief of WTC Construction & Development, led the group up 1 WTC. Once the group reached the 89th floor, they were given paint pens and encouraged to sign the still-exposed beams.

### Dates & Events

Sept. 24, 2012

#### **Connecticut Building Congress 17th Annual Robert J. LeFloch Memorial Golf Outing**

Kensington, Conn.  
Shuttle Meadow Country Club  
10 a.m.-noon—Shotgun Start  
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.—Buffet Dinner  
Contact: [rabergan@bergenwood.com](mailto:rabergan@bergenwood.com)

Sept. 28, 2012

#### **NYBC Construction Industry Breakfast Forum**

New York  
The Pierre  
2 East 61st St., Grand Ballroom  
8:30 a.m.—Breakfast & Program  
Contact: [jmb@buildingcongress.com](mailto:jmb@buildingcongress.com)

Oct. 18, 2012

#### **Association of Haitian and American Engineers**

**2012 Fundraising Dinner**  
Flushing Meadow Park, N.Y.  
Penthouse at Terrace on the Park  
6 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Contact: [adiha.org](mailto:adiha.org)

Nov. 14, 2012

#### **ENR New York's Best 2012 Projects Awards Breakfast**

New York  
McGraw-Hill Headquarters  
8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.—Registration, Breakfast & Program  
Contact: [amy\\_katz@mcgraw-hill.com](mailto:amy_katz@mcgraw-hill.com)