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# The New Jersey Carpenter Contractor Trust



## ***Come See for Yourself! Union Carpenters and Contractors... Working Together Working For You!***

When we took on the opportunity to write this column for NJPA Journal, we jumped right in and began telling you about very specific programs and initiatives of our member organizations without making a proper introduction. So, if you will, please allow me to back up a bit and explain who we are and how our industry partners' assist owners, developers and real estate professionals' in reducing costs through value-added construction practices.

NJCCT is the labor-management cooperative established by the NJ Regional Council of Carpenters (NJRCC) and their signatory Union Contractor Employers. NJRCC represents 17,000 union carpenters from 26 union locals in the State of New Jersey. Their membership delivers skilled craftsmanship in the areas of commercial and residential carpentry, drywall and interior systems, concrete forming, wood and metal framing, floor covering – wood, carpet and vinyl, architectural woodworking and cabinetry, door hardware, and millwrights. Their Union Contractor partners are represented by the Building Contractors Association of NJ (BCANJ), Drywall & Interior Systems Contractors Association (DISCA), Associated General Contractors (AGC) and the Floor Covering Institute (FCINJ).

Working together, they have established a training program representing the industry standard, formally on-going for more than 40 years. This four-year, college accredited, apprenticeship program graduates construction professionals from three training centers located in the State; Kenilworth, Trenton and Hammonton. The 8,800 hours of training along with required certifications and licensing develops union carpenters prepared to handle your construction challenges. Their Union Contractor base practices responsible and safe construction contracting through registration requirements, proper levels of insurance and bonding, mandatory life-safety certifications and efficient project management.

So, what does this mean to you as a building owner, corporate real estate professional or facility manager? By working together, union carpenters and contractors reduce project liabilities, increase project efficiencies, deliver quality installations, generate smaller punch lists and have fewer call backs. In short, construction and renovation projects that come in on-time and on-budget enabling you to attract clients to your first-class facilities.

OK, so you might be sitting in your chair and saying "yeah, right!" We understand this response. We understand our words may come across as lip service and perhaps run counter to the stereotypes and perceptions regarding union construction. Well then, here's our offer. Whether you are currently faced with a challenging project and would like some information regarding the construction professionals affiliated with our member organizations. Or, you just want to see for yourself what today's union construction is really all about, call us! Whether you have a general question, would like more information, or you are interested in "seeing for yourself" what we are all about by taking a tour of a Union Carpenter Training Center, we would welcome your call.

We can be reached at 732-225-1300. Or if you prefer e-mail: pcooney@njcct.org

— **Phil Cooney, Director, The New Jersey Carpenter Contractor Trust**

## **CARPENTER WORKSHOP**

### **May 24, 2007**

Thomas C. Ober Carpenter Training Center  
Hammonton, NJ



## **IBC Seismic Ceiling Requirements and Perimeter & Corridor Walls**

Technical presentation:

**Armstrong**

Architect /Owner Session 9am—12pm  
Union Contractor Session 5pm—7:30pm

Information & registration: [www.njcct.org](http://www.njcct.org)