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**October 20, 2009**

**THE FIFTH ANNUAL AGC/CT INDUSTRY RECOGNITION AWARD** winners were honored last Tuesday, October 13, 2009, at the Aqua Turf with over 300 members and guests in attendance. 2009 Chapter President Bob Berkmoes and Executive Director John Farnham served as hosts for the evening and presented the awards to the winners and finalists. (Winners are noted in bold.)

**Public Owner of the Year**

**Paul Guidone**

*City of Waterbury*

**Finalists in the Public Owner of the Year Category:**

Frank Dellaripa, Metropolitan District Commission;

Dennis Tovey, CT Department of Public Works

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**Private Owner of the Year**

**Joseph Greenier**

*St. Francis Hospital*

**Finalists in the Private Owner of the Year Category:**

David Genovese, Baywater Properties

George Logan, Aquarion Water of CT, MA, NH

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**Architect/Designer of the Year**

**Mark Finlay**

*Mark P. Finlay Architects*

**Finalists in the Architect/Designer of the Year Category:**

David Ball, BL Companies

Ronald Nault, Luchs Consulting Engineers, LLC

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**GC/CM of the Year**

**Terry Wooding**

*Petra Construction Corporation*

**Finalist in the GC/CM of the Year Category:**

Bradford Dimeo, Dimeo Construction

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**Subcontractor of the Year**

**George Mulvaney**

*Mulvaney Mechanical*

**Finalists in the Subcontractor of the Year Category:**

Robert B. Fitch III, New Haven Partitions  
James Grigas, Mega Mechanical

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**Supplier/Service Provider of the Year**

**Kevin Spellacy**  
*R.C. Knox and Co.*

**Finalists in the Supplier/Service Provider of the Year Category:**

Patsy Ditullio, Jr., Arrow Concrete  
Mark Kolakowski, Elite Construction Rentals

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**Construction Supervisor of the Year**

**Robert Smedley**  
*KBE Building Corporation*

**Finalist in the Construction Supervisor of the Year Category:**

Richard Putinas, Partitions, Inc.

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**Educator of the Year**

**Joseph Sabitoni**  
*New England Laborers' Training Academy*

**Finalists in the Educator of the Year Category:**

Jacob Kovel, Ph.D., P.E., Central Connecticut State University  
Raymond Perreault, Ph.D., Central Connecticut State University

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The evening also included the presentation by Past Chapter President Gary Timura of AGC of America National Safety Awards to The Fusco Corporation and Morganti Group, both for zero incidence rate for 50,000 work hours and over in the Building Division.

**CHAPTER LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN AGC WASHINGTON MEETINGS** – AGC Chapter leaders, including Chapter President Bob Berkmoes, Executive Director John Farnham, and Assistant Executive Director John Butts, met in Washington, D.C., October 4 – 7, to discuss best practices and meet with Members of Congress to address AGC's top legislative issues. The annual conference included speakers from Capitol Hill and breakout sessions to discuss the industry's most pressing issues, including the state of the economy and the need for Congress to act on infrastructure investment legislation, such as highway reauthorization. The CT delegation met with Congressman Chris Murphy, and staff representatives of Senator Joe Lieberman, Congressman John Larson, Congressman Joe Courtney, and Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. The top issue discussed during these meetings was AGC's newly-released blueprint on how to stimulate demand for construction. The document, "Build Now for the Future: A Blueprint for Economic Growth," outlines a series of common sense incentives, tax credits and policy changes designed to stimulate new private and public-sector demand for construction. [Click here](#) to view this plan. Several prominent speakers participated in the meeting, including columnist George Will who told attendees that the United States has always believed in infrastructure investment and criticized Congress for failing to pass a robust six-year surface transportation bill, saying it "shouldn't be difficult."

**IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE PROGRAM** – CCIA will sponsor Immigration Compliance and Worksite Enforcement: What Does it Mean for Construction Firms? on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the Hawthorne Inn, Berlin. Megan R. Naughton and Natalia A. Sharubina, attorneys in the Immigration practice group at Robinson & Cole LLP, are the guest speakers. This interesting and timely program, part of a *Public Policy Series* from CCIA, will give construction company owners and human resources professionals practical information to prevent, plan for, and deal with site visits from the government; outline key points of immigration compliance; and show how to limit liability. Cost of the program is \$30; sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information and to register, click [here](#)

**JOHN FARNHAM RETIREMENT** – A celebration of John Farnham's career with AGC/CT is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at the Aqua Turf. Please join us as we recognize John's many years of the service to AGC and the CT construction industry, and please share a memory or a parting wish in our ad book. For more information and to register, click the [link](#) and download the registration form.

## **AGC OF AMERICA NEWS**

**Environmental Resources from AGC of America -- Contractor's Guide to Green Building Construction.** Written specifically for contractors, this "how-to" book introduces how the "green" or "sustainable" elements of a project may impact construction management practices. It briefly covers the available green building rating systems and guidelines such as LEED® and Green Globes™. The book discusses the impact green aspects could have on contractor decisions throughout the entire project. Provides case studies and a glossary of green construction terms. Item No. 5100. AGC Member Price: \$75.00 - Retail Price: \$112.50

**Building to LEED®-NC: Overview and the Impact on Construction Practices.** This is

a full-day, instructor-led course that provides construction professionals with a more complete understanding of their role on a project seeking certification under the LEED-NC v2.2 (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Rating System. The course relies on a highly participatory learning environment including classroom presentations, in-class exercises, and instructor-led discussions. Learn more about Building to LEED at [www.agc.org/GREEN](http://www.agc.org/GREEN). Item No. 7200 (Instructor's Guide) and 7201 (Participant's Guide). AGC Member Price: \$125.00 - Retail Price: \$155.00

To order either of these books, click here to order. [AGC Bookstore](#).

**Less Than a Month to Build America Awards Deadline of November 6, 2009** -- AGC's [Aon Build America Awards](#) showcase the nation's best construction projects. Past winners have rebuilt earthquake-damaged highways and bridges, renovated crumbling structures along "Main Street America," built state-of-the-art stadiums and hospitals, constructed new infrastructure and revitalized aging infrastructure across this great nation. Take the steps to gain the recognition you deserve. All projects submitted must be completed between November 1, 2008 and November 6, 2009. Small and large projects are considered equally—innovation and distinctiveness tend to define the most highly regarded entries and help determine winners. Learn more and download the submission form [here](#) or contact Elisa Brewer Pratt at [brewere@agc.org](mailto:brewere@agc.org).

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Executive Committee, Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 8:00 a.m., CCIA
- CSA-AGC-CMAA Joint Committee, Wednesday, November 4, 2009, CCIA (rescheduled from 10/21)
- OSHA 10-Hour Safety Training, Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 7:00 a.m., CCIA
- Immigration Compliance and Worksite Enforcement: What Does it Mean for Construction Firms?, Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 8:00 to 10:30 a.m., Hawthorne Inn, Berlin
- John Farnham Retirement Celebration, Wednesday, November 18, 2009, Aqua Turf. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Directors, Tuesday, November 24, 2009, 8:00 a.m., CCIA.

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*Don't worry about the world ending today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.* **Charles M. Shultz**

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