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The need for a dedicated federal financial commitment to the country's infrastructure is more critical than ever, according to the **Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) Executive Director Marc Herbst**. Following the President's address to a joint session of Congress, Herbst observed, "It's been two years since Washington failed to adopt a new federal surface transportation funding program after the expiration of the existing plan (SAFETEA-LU). Since then, Congress has enacted short-term extensions, which only destabilized America's infrastructure and the construction industry tasked with building it."

The Long Island heavy construction industry has endured unprecedented 30 percent unemployment levels since SAFETEA-LU was allowed to sunset in 2009.



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"If the President is serious about job creation, he should propose a robust transportation plan that goes above and beyond current proposals now before Congress," asserted Herbst. The House of Representatives has a highway and transit plan offered by **Representative John Mica (R – FL)** that proposes about a \$35 billion average annual investment for six years. That appropriation is approximately \$18 billion below current annual levels. If adopted, New York State would suffer a loss of nearly 45,000 jobs. The Senate proposal, sponsored by **Senator Barbara Boxer (D – CA)**, would sustain the present investment levels at \$54 billion, but for only the next two years.

"An infrastructure investment bank is an excellent funding tool but to offer such a proposal before addressing the federal government's transportation long-term funding program is a distraction to the nation's true infrastructure needs," reminded Herbst.

"The quality of our highways, roads, bridges, mass transportation systems, and infrastructure ensuring clean water and proper management of wastewater will determine the fate of our economy and the ability to create jobs and generate new investment," added **LICA Chairman James Pratt, III**. "The ARRA program was publicly perceived incorrectly as a construction jobs program at the onset, only to prove otherwise. An infrastructure bank proposal will elicit a similar reaction."

EXPANSION AND RENOVATION



The Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) is proud to recognize a significant reconstruction project taking place on Long Island that has very little, if anything, to do with our local roadways, bridges, tunnels or sewer systems – the expansion of **Calverton National Cemetery** in Riverhead, which serves as a final resting place for thousands of American servicemen and women and their families.

LICA member **Pratt Brothers, Inc.** is performing this vital renovation on the cemetery, helping create an environment that allows for quiet reflection and tribute to those who served our country. The **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** awarded

GC&P Fab-Con, LLC, which is a joint venture company consisting of **G&C Fab-Con, LLC** and Pratt Brothers, Inc., a \$32.2 million contract to perform the work.

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Improvements for Calverton National Cemetery involve development of a 90-acre gravesite expansion area including clearing, earthwork, installation of 33,000 precast concrete burial crypts, drainage, asphalt roadways, irrigation wells, centrally controlled irrigation system and landscaping.

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“Calverton National Cemetery is the largest by area in the country, at 1000 acres, and is considered one of the crown jewels of the national cemetery system,” said **Ed McCoy of Pratt Brothers, Inc.** “As such, we are held to very high standards across the board from construction operations, manpower, and finished product.”

Also included in the project are improvements to the existing cemetery, such as rehabilitation of the existing committal shelters; construction of new columbarium niches; all new curbs and walkways; rehabbing the existing roadways and re-paving; replacing existing trash cans, vase holders and lawn

hydrants; renovations to the existing maintenance building and administration building; reconstruction of the cemetery main entranceway; including decorative stamped and colored concrete; and granite renovations.

Construction, which began in September of 2009, is expected to be completed this fall, prior to Veteran's Day.

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In the wake of a series of severe storms that have pummeled the northeast, the **New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)** is soliciting proposals that cover a broad range of requirements, including construction contracts, engineering consultant contracts and related professional consultant contracts and/or contracts for commodities and services. NYSDOT may also be soliciting proposals for design-build contracts.

The Governor's Executive Order 19 has suspended many of the usual contracting and procurement requirements for this emergency, including the requirement for advertisement in the New York State Contract Reporter. Therefore, all parties interested in performing emergency response work for NYSDOT should closely monitor the NYSDOT website at www.nysdot.gov/business. Contract opportunities and related information will be posted on this website as soon as they are available. These may include notice of pre-solicitation informational meetings, Q&A sessions and/or opportunities for site visits.

There will be one or more emergency job bids posted by the end of this week, beginning of next week at the latest, for restoration of damaged infrastructure in upstate counties including Albany, Delaware, Greene, Rensselaer, and Schoharie. These will be “best value” procurement bids, based on past performance, cost and time tables.

Additionally, there will be two-project-specific emergency bids. The first project, the Route 32 Bridge in Greene County, is also “best value,” with construction completion by the end of October. The bid documents should be available by the end of this week.

The second project is for the Route 42 Bridge, also in Greene County. This project will be design-build, managed by **Parsons Brinkerhoff**. Also a “best value” bid, a site meeting will be held for interested contractors at the end of this week.

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A Request for Proposals (RFP) should be issued within two weeks.

New York State Transportation Commissioner Joan McDonald also asked that LICA convey **Governor Andrew Cuomo's** appreciation and thanks for the outstanding response our industry has already provided in response to the need for emergency assistance.

McDonald praised the industry's response to date, observing, "(We have) painted a positive picture of what our industry is capable of doing in response to an emergency situation and what can be performed unrestrained in normal situations."

If you have any questions, please contact the **NYS DOT's Contract Management Bureau** at (518) 457-2600 between 7:00am and 7:00pm on business days.

Senator Charles J. Fuschillo Jr. Honored at LICA's PAC Reception



LICA is moving to publicly support and aggressively advocate on behalf of those public officials who have consistently fought on behalf of our region's roads, rails and bridges. Top on LICA's list is **New York State Senator and Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee Charles J. Fuschillo Jr.** who is being honored at LICA's upcoming PAC Reception.

LICA's Executive Director Marc Herbst was blunt in addressing his colleagues throughout the heavy construction industry. "Whether you are a LICA member or not, our industry needs to be active. It needs to be involved. And it needs to participate by supporting those who understand the value of public works and Long Island's fair share.

As the ranking Republican member on the Senate Transportation Committee over the last two years, Senator Fuschillo fought for Long Island's fair share of transportation stimulus funds; spoke out strongly against the MTA payroll tax; and called for a five-year capital plan for road and bridge projects to create jobs and keep the infrastructure safe.

The Senate Transportation Committee oversees the work of the State's transportation system including the **Department of Transportation, Department of Motor Vehicles, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (including the Long Island Railroad), Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, New York State Thruway Authority** and other agencies.

Annual PAC Reception on Thursday, October 13th

LICA is asking its members to support the industry's allies, who, like Senator Fuschillo, insist on protecting the taxpayers' biggest investment, our roads and bridges, at LICA's Annual PAC Reception on **Thursday, October 13th, from noon to 2:00pm** at the Stonebridge Country Club in Smithtown.

LICA Chairman James Pratt, III of Pratt Brothers, Inc. stated, "The quality of our highways, roads, bridges and mass transportation systems will determine the fate of our economy, and the ability to create jobs and generate new investment.

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Senator Fuschillo has been a major advocate for road and bridge capital plans and has the drive to make a difference and an appreciation of what is at stake. In addition, he has been an important ally to our industry here on Long Island and across New York State."

By way of demonstrating the importance of this elected official, the LICA PAC will be matching individual contributions to ensure that Senator Fuschillo has the resources to have his message heard. Suggested contribution is \$250 or \$500 per guest.

If you are interested in attending, please [click here](#) for LICA's invitation. Please send your response form to **LICA Comptroller and Office Administrator Sheryl Buro** at sburo@licanys.org or by fax at 631-231-4291.

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The next quarterly **New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)** partnering session with the three downstate contractor associations – the Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA), the **Construction Industry Council of Westchester & Hudson Valley (CIC)**, and the **General Contractors Association of New York City (GCA)** – will be held at the GCA offices, 60 East 42nd Street, New York City, on **Thursday, October 6th at 11:00am.**

LICA members are encouraged to attend these sessions that provide information and insight into the infrastructure process. If you wish to have a particular topic placed on the agenda, please contact LICA Executive Director Marc Herbst at mherbst@licanys.org or 631-231-LICA.

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With Veteran's Day rapidly approaching on Friday, November 11, 2011, LICA would like to recognize the contribution of those veterans amongst our ranks who helped to protect America and now are working to build America. Tell us about your veteran employees. Where did they serve and when? Were they engaged in any infrastructure projects while in the armed services? What construction projects are they involved in now and in what capacity? Send your stories to **LICA's Manager of Communications Michelle Giametta** at mgiametta@licanys.org.

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Be sure to mark your calendars! The Long Island Contractors' Association (LICA) has released its list of events for the 2012 calendar year.

Protecting the job site as a safe working environment for our respective employees remains one of LICA's most important responsibilities, and the annual **LICA Heavy Construction and Transportation Infrastructure Safety Seminar**, scheduled for after the New Year, helps our members to meet that challenge. LICA's Safety Seminar is slated to take place on **Friday, January 13, 2012**. Registration is free to LICA members, a benefit of your annual dues. Among LICA's most popular events are the annual breakfasts that welcome local municipal officials for the purpose of hearing firsthand their plans for



the upcoming public works construction season. LICA's **Nassau County Local Government Breakfast** will be **Friday, February 10, 2012**; the **New York State Government Breakfast** is scheduled for **Friday, March 9, 2012**; and the **Suffolk County Local Government Breakfast** will take place on **Friday, April 20, 2012**.

LICA has secured **Monday, May 21, 2012** as the date for one of our most important events of the year – **LICA's Annual Golf Outing** at the Huntington Crescent Club and the Huntington Country Club. Since this is the only fundraiser for our association, sponsorships and donations are greatly appreciated. LICA is a not-for-profit organization – section 501(c)(6) and we need your help to continue to serve you and our industry throughout the

years to come. Spend the day enjoying a challenging round of golf, fun skills competitions, a delicious dinner, and, of course, the camaraderie of those who support the Long Island Contractors' Association.

LICA's Annual Meeting and Dinner has been set for **Wednesday, June 13, 2012** and will take place at the Woodbury Country Club on Jericho Turnpike. LICA will present special recognition awards to those who have demonstrated continued support and leadership in the Long Island heavy construction industry.

LICA hopes that you will come out to support the association and our mission at these important events. Additional information about these events will be released as the dates approach.

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Bid Date	Project Name	Owner	Contractor	Bid Amount
8/25/11	Athletic Events Fac/Sitework @ Southampton High School	Southampton Union Free School District	J Anthony Enterprises	\$ 857,000
			Irwin Contracting Inc.	1,021,000
			Construction Consultants	1,024,000
			North Star Concrete Construction	1,027,000
8/30/11	Resurfacing Various County Roads - Phase XXIX	County of Nassau Office of Public Works	Carlo Lizza & Sons Paving	\$ 3,461,640
			Pratt Brothers Inc.	3,979,797
			Intercounty Paving Associates, LLC	3,988,505
			Posillico Civil Inc.	4,185,046
			Pioneer Landscaping & Asphalt Paving Inc.	4,193,884
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	4,257,136
			Restani Construction Corporation	4,299,990
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	4,321,321
			Grace Industries LLC	4,850,083
8/30/11	Athletic Field Improvements @ Eisenhower Park	County of Nassau Office of Public Works	Landtek Group Inc.	\$ 10,847,341
			Laser Industries Inc.	10,871,075
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	14,266,414
8/31/11	Concrete Replacement - Town Wide	Town of Oyster Bay	Landtek Group Inc.	\$ 894,020
			Laser Industries Inc.	1,237,080
			Roadwork Ahead, Inc.	4,537,002
8/31/11	Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park Seawall Rehab	Town of Oyster Bay	Chesterfield Associates	\$ 788,000
			J. Barwick Landscape & Site Developer	966,000
			Woodstock Construction	1,400,000
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	1,600,000
			Village Dock Inc.	1,612,000
			General Builders Inc.	1,671,000
			Biltwel General Contractor Corp.	1,749,000
			Gateway Industries	1,875,000
			Allen Industries Inc.	1,963,500
			Amma Construction Corporation	2,190,000
			Laser Industries Inc.	2,628,628
8/31/11	Water Distribution Sys Repairs - Emergency & Routine	Massapequa Water District	Bancker Construction Corp	\$ 76,724
9/1/11	Demolition of Bldg 29 @ SUNY Old Westbury	SUNY At Old Westbury	Saracino Construction	\$ 97,800
			A Russo Wrecking Inc.	137,444
			New York Insulation, Inc.	144,000
			Gramercy Group/Gramercy Wrecking & Env	168,450
			L & G Ruggiero Inc.	199,900
			Multicraft Home Remodeling	224,995
			NAC Industries	227,000
			Sky Rise Inc.	268,786
			ABC Construction Contracting	297,000
9/6/11	Middle Neck Road Drain	County of Nassau Office of Public Works	The Novelli Group	\$ 1,999,544
			ALAC Contracting Corp.	2,222,222
			Scalamandre Organization	2,377,000
			Newborn Construction, Inc.	2,543,167
			Araz Industries	2,636,360
			Allen Industries Inc.	2,883,179
			Adjo Contracting Corp.	2,970,597
			Pratt Brothers Inc.	3,506,605
9/7/11	Demo Existing Abandoned Modular Classrooms @ Old Farms School	Commack Union Free School District	M Space Holdings, LLC	\$ 74,962
			JLN Contracting Inc.	84,900
			Condos Brothers Construction	93,500
			Watral Brothers Inc.	94,500
			Metro Group of LI Inc.	94,650
			Fidele Construction	98,000
			A Russo Wrecking Inc	147,444
			Saracino Construction	155,800
9/8/11	Maintenance Dredging, Lake Montauk Harbor	US Army Corps Of Engineers, CENAN-CT	Nalco Chemical Co.	\$ 414,590
			Southwind Construction	537,639
			Village Dock Inc.	790,730
9/8/11	Rehabilitation of Plant #6	Garden City Park Water District	Bensin Contracting Inc.	\$ 284,700
			Philip Ross Industries Inc.	343,500
			Atlantic Wells Inc.	346,900
			RJ Industries Inc./RJI Mech	349,730
			Merrick Utility Associates Inc.	392,025
9/8/11	Cell 6 Phase 2 Leachate Forcemain Relocation/Improv	Town Of Brookhaven, Purchasing Division	Adjo Contracting Corp.	\$ 389,300
			Bensin Contracting Inc.	474,000
			Amma Construction Corporation	534,600
			Terry Contracting	548,705
			Bove Industries	664,100