



MID-ATLANTIC LIUNA LEADERSHIP UPDATE

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LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

Working Families Win with Obama!

Hundreds of Mid-Atlantic Laborers Volunteer for Pro-Union Candidates

The Mid-Atlantic Laborers mobilized as never before this election, putting more than one hundred phone bankers and precinct walkers on the streets every weekend from Labor Day to Election Day. And their action paid off - we defended Pennsylvania from a last-minute McCain assault and made history by picking up Virginia for Obama, the first Democrat to win the Commonwealth since Lyndon Johnson!



With Virginia Coming Down to the Wire, West Virginia Laborer Volunteers Poured into Roanoke to Tip the State Toward Obama



Local 657 Business Manager Anthony Frederick supports DC Council candidate Michael Brown.

What a difference a White House makes!

Where President Bush and his team could think of nothing else to do about the financial crisis than bail out the biggest banks, Obama has called for a \$700 billion program to put people to work rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure. Obama understands that the key to saving our financial system is getting people off the bench and on the job, so they can make their mortgage payments - a 'trickle-up' economy that will help Wall Street by helping working families, not the other way around!

Mid-Atlantic Vice President Martire and LIUNA Member activists rally with Virginia Governor Tim Kaine



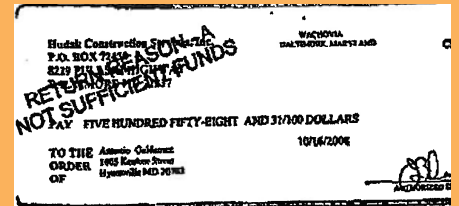
Laborers Collect LOTS Safety Awards



Laborers across the Pittsburgh area are working on time and safe - and collecting LOTS safety awards. Hats, hunting knives, road side assistance kits, flashlights, and jackets were among the prizes presented to Laborers working on the North Shore Connector tunnel bringing light rail from the North Shore to Downtown Pittsburgh, and at the McCandless Sewage Plant. To all the local unions whose members and leadership are keeping us on the job and out of the hospital with careful work habits - Thanks!

Organizers Onto Pay Scams: Hudak Clients Cry Uncle

With the downturn in the economy, the organizers in the Baltimore/Washington area have kept a close eye on some of the more unscrupulous contractors in the area, especially in the targeted asbestos abatement industry. Recently asbestos workers employed by long-established open-shop abatement firm Hudak Construction began reporting that they couldn't cash their paychecks due to insufficient funds in Hudak's account. MAROC organizers took some of the bounced paychecks and has begun contacting Hudak clients to explain that they could be held liable for unpaid wages... and Hudak's high-profile customers are getting the message, distancing themselves from the troubled firm and demanding to be removed from Hudak's web site. Firms like the Washington DC Public Schools, Constellation Energy and Northrup Grumman are contacting the Laborers for detailed information on the Hudak payroll fraud.



Do not accept checks from this man! Open Shop Contractor's paychecks bounce.

PA Votes Yes on \$400 mill in Sewer Work

Good Jobs for Thousands of Pennsylvania Laborers to Follow?
Over 60% of Pennsylvania voters gave the thumbs up to \$400 million in bonds to upgrade or repair wastewater and drinking water systems across the state. PENNVEST will be issuing grants ranging from \$2 to \$20 million to local water systems in every region of the state. This is just a down payment on a multi-billion dollar problem of deteriorating water systems in the state but has the potential to generate hundreds of thousands of man-hours for union members.



Working Union in Wilmington, NC!



enhanced presence on the ground with sales and recruiting staff.

North Carolina, with America's lowest union density, has been unfamiliar territory for the building trades - but the Laborers are changing that. Two powerhouse heavy contractors - Jay Cashman of Massachusetts and Joseph B. Fay of Pennsylvania - have stepped up to tackle a \$50 million wharf expansion for the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point, just south of Wilmington. This two-year union trip to the tarheel state was possible because of the Mid-Atlantic Region's