

## Reviews & Previews

# IMPACT Holds First Annual Labor/Management Conference

**M**ore than 525 contractors and ironworkers participated in the inaugural Ironworker Management Progressive Action Cooperative Trust (IMPACT) annual labor/management conference, which took place in Las Vegas January 28-29, 2008. IMPACT is a labor management partnership of local unions and their signatory contractors who work together to address mutual problems and to create solutions to those problems. Some of the issues the group focuses on includes training, safety and creating a drug-free workforce.

"Ironworkers work a great deal with glass," says Eric Waterman, IMPACT chief executive officer. "We unload, prepare, install, caulk and seal various types of glass systems in the buildings and structures that we erect."



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Joseph Hunt, Ironworker general president, and William Brown, president and chief executive officer of Ben Hur Construction Co., opened the conference. Brown began by praising both management and labor representatives for coming together to discuss ways they can overcome common challenges together. Hunt also talked about how labor and management can join forces to provide skilled workers and successful contractors who can meet the construction demands in the United States and Canada.

The second speaker was Vic Cornellier, president of TSI/Exterior Wall Systems, a contract glazing firm in Hyattsville, Md. Cornellier spoke about "the impact of IMPACT," providing a contractor's perspective on how the group is meeting the needs of labor and management. He said contractors and local unions should work together to support

the group's efforts, which could strengthen its ability to capture market share. In addition, he said the greatest benefit through IMPACT is that contractors are getting a trained, safe and drug-free ironworker workforce.

In addition, Collette Nelson, executive vice president of the American Subcontractors Association, gave a presentation on understanding prompt pay and learning how to avoid claims and litigation.

Plans for next year's conference are currently in the works. Exact dates have not yet been set, but organizers say the event will take place in early February of 2009 in Las Vegas.

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### Glass Fab Registration Opens

The Glass Association of North America (GANA) has announced that registration for the Glass Fabrication and Glazing Educational Conference is now open. Attendees may register at [www.glasswebsite.com](http://www.glasswebsite.com) for this industry-recognized event, which is set to take place April 21-23, 2008, at the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

GlassFab features educational seminars on insulating, laminated and tempered glass, as well as contract glazing/project management and estimating.

GANA notes that the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino had a roof fire in January that damaged part of the building's façade. However, the association has been in contact with hotel management and reports that the building will open and operating well before the conference.

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