



BUILDING ON THE LEGACY

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NAMC GREATER ATLANTA MEMBER BRYSON CONSTRUCTORS SELECTED AS JOINT VENTURE PARTNER IN PHILIPS ARENA RENOVATION PROJECT

NAMC member Bryson Constructors has been selected to rebuild the Philips Arena in Atlanta, Georgia along with Turner Construction, AECOM Hunt, and SG Contracting as the Atlanta Hawks Philips Project JV Team.

The \$192.5 million renovation will feature a first of its kind idea courtside, as the Hawks plan to install a bar that is within just a few feet of the floor itself. The courtside bar takes the headlines but the overall suite and bar upgrades throughout the arena clearly cater to a broader audience.



PHILIPS ARENA, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Hawks COO Thad Sheely, in addressing the assembled crowd, indicated that "people don't want to be confined to their seats anymore," and that he believes the sentiment is "true for our high-end season-ticket holders, as well."

As for off-court items, the organization also introduced a 250-

seat master conference room and four "breakout" rooms that come with the use of touch screen technology and top-level amenities for business operation, providing the arena with multi-use ability that can potentially aid in generating additional revenue beyond the basketball floor.

In addition, the Hawks named Atlanta-based HJ Russell & Company, in association with Legends Project Development, as the project management team.

For more information about membership with the NAMC Greater Atlanta Chapter, contact Andrea Barnett, Executive

PAUL BRYANT BECOMES H.J. RUSSELL & COMPANY DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Paul Bryant, founder of the Atlanta-based Leadership Institute for Urban Education, has joined H.J. Russell & Company as director of External Affairs — heading up business development support for existing and potential clients, providing a consistent voice for the company that enhances and protects the Russell brand, and representing the company on behalf of the leadership team and employees at community events.

Director, or visit their website at <https://namcatlanta.org/>.

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NAMC-OREGON PARTNERSHIP BUILDS BRIDGES

October 5, 2017

Portland Community College (PCC) will work alongside NAMC-Oregon to build bridges and eliminate barriers through a new partnership. Karin Edwards, president of PCC's Cascade Campus in North Portland, said the alliance will complement PCC's efforts to support student success by delivering access to quality education while advancing economic development and promoting sustainability in a collaborative culture of diversity, equity and inclusion. "We seek to build on successful partnerships within our community, including community-based organizations, government, employers and other educational institutions," Edwards

said. "Our goal is to develop strategic partnerships that move more PCC students into the middle class and beyond through education and training. Partnering with NAMC-Oregon helps us achieve our goal and fulfill our mission."

Edwards noted that PCC is well positioned to provide requisite education and training to those pursuing careers in the trades. Its Swan Island Trades Center, located in Northeast Portland, is home to a number of pre-apprentice, apprenticeship and



associate degree programs in different trades.

For more information about membership with the NAMC-Oregon Chapter, please contact Nate McCoy, Executive Director, or visit their website at

<http://namc-oregon.org/>.

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NY GOVERNOR ANDREW CUOMO INCREASES MWBE UTILIZATION RATE TO OVER 27 PERCENT

The utilization rate for Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (MWBEs) participating in New York State contracts was increased to 27.2 percent for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year, with MWBEs winning more than

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\$2.2 billion in state contracts. The Governor also announced inception of the MWBE Advisory Council and the launch of key technical assistance programs designed to increase the scope and capacity of MWBEs.

"In New York, we know that our economy is strongest when everyone is empowered to participate, which is why we continue to work to increase access and opportunities to success for MWBEs, and this year's forum highlights the strength of that commitment," Governor Cuomo said. "Our State's MWBE utilization is higher than ever before."



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NAMC-DFW CHAPTER ATTRACTING NEW MEMBERS THROUGH MONTHLY BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY MEETINGS

Since their inception as a new NAMC Chapter in 2016, the NAMC Dallas Fort Worth Chapter



NAMC-DFW OCTOBER MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

has increased membership from the original core group of ten

members to more than 300 contractor members today. Demetria Bivens, NAMC national board member representing DFW, believes that the chapter's monthly membership and business opportunity meetings are a big reason for the chapter's significant increase in membership.

Meetings are held in a robust roundtable format, utilize interactive group discussions and guest speakers, and concentrate

on relevant topical issues for members.

In October, the DFW Chapter meeting centered around identifying opportunities, capturing stories, and elevating member companies through marketing.

For more information about membership with the NAMC-DFW Chapter, please contact Demetria Bivens or visit their website at <http://www.namcdfw.org/>.

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BALFOUR BEATTY U.S. CONGRATULATES A NAMC TRADE PARTNER

October 6, 2017

Balfour Beatty US congratulates trade partner Wendell Stemley, CEO of the Black IPO. Mr. Stemley was one of four honorees that received a Diversity and Inclusion Award during the San Diego Business Journal's Diversity & Inclusion Forum and Awards

event. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have shown an exceptional commitment to promoting practices that advance diversity and inclusion in the workplace and in business leadership.



WENDELL STEMLEY AND SOPHIA CAVALLI, BALFOUR BEATTY

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NAMC STUDENT CHAPTER MEMBERS WELCOME WENDELL STEMLEY TO PURDUE UNIVERSITY

October 12, 2017

Purdue University NAMC Student Chapter Members and Polytechnic Construction Management Technology faculty advisor, Cy Rangel, welcomed NAMC President Wendell Stemley as a guest speaker at the group's regular monthly meeting.

Expanding his role of ambassador for the association, Mr. Stemley reinforced the importance of the NAMC Student Chapter and discussed possible ways of supporting the program and offering it to other schools, like junior colleges. He also encouraged Student Chapter members to help future construction program students by supporting the K-12 STEM program.

The students had many questions about the importance of internships, engaging the younger generation, Mr. Stemley's career path, and how he was able to succeed as a minority in the industry, to name a few.

The mission of the NAMC Student Chapter is to assist women and minority students studying in the fields of construction management, engineering, or design and management with professional and academic growth. The chapter strives to provide support, encouragement, and opportunity to its student members.



WENDELL STEMLEY SPEAKING TO NAMC STUDENT CHAPTER MEMBERS AT PURDUE

For more information about supporting or joining the NAMC Student Chapter, contact the NAMC national office at (202) 296-1600 or email Doreen Littlejohn, Program Director, at dlittlejohn@namcnational.org.

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49th National Conference

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The NAMC Mission

Founded in Oakland, California in 1969 by Raymond Dones and Joseph Debro, NAMC is the oldest minority construction trade association in the United States with over 50 Hall of Fame members and Legacy Builders and an annual project capacity of over one billion dollars nationally. Through a network of local chapters and in collaboration with strategic and corporate partnerships, NAMC assists members with building capacity by providing access to opportunity, advocacy, and contractor development training.