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ROI-NJ May Event Addresses Unscrupulous Construction Practices

Panel of experts discusses "New Jersey's Underground Construction Economy"

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There is an underground economy in the construction industry that costs billions of dollars every year, according to a Stockton University study. Those practices are the focus of ROI-NJ's Thought Leadership Series scheduled for May 9th at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township. The event is sponsored by the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey, Carpenter Contractor Trust, the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers, and the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters.

New Jersey's "Underground Construction Economy" will examine practices of unscrupulous contractors, such as paying off-the-books workers, misclassifying employees as independent contractors, and avoiding legitimate taxes and social insurance costs. Join ROI-NJ to hear from the following industry experts who will share how to identify these illegal acts and to eradicate these unfair practices:

- **John Ballantyne**, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters
- **Kevin Duncan**, Professor of Economics, Colorado State University
- **John Froomjian**, Senior Research Associate, William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University
- **Darlene Regina**, COO, Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey
- **Richard Tolson**, Director, Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Administrative District Council of New Jersey
- **Danilo Barros**, Apprentice Carpenter, Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters

Register now for a free ticket to the two-hour event. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2JTbFvU> and enter the code ROINJ. The breakfast event is from 8:00 to

10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 9th at the Forsgate Country Club, 375 Forsgate Drive, Monroe Township, NJ 08831.

The ROI-NJ: Thought Leadership Series of morning events takes a deeper look into distinct topics affecting New Jersey business. Pre-event networking is followed by a seated breakfast and peer-to-peer panel discussion featuring an audience Q&A to complete the morning. For more information about the series, contact Ali Brush at 973-512-7521 or by email at abrush@roi-nj.com.

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