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Men of Steel: How Mohawks Built New York

The tradition of "Mohawks in High Steel"

By Lucie Levine

The Empire State Building. The George Washington Bridge. The United Nations. The Woolworth Building. Thirty Rock. The Seagram Building. Lincoln Center. The Waldorf Astoria. Virtually all of New York's most iconic structures were raised in part by Mohawk Native American ironworkers. Since 1916, when Mohawk men made their way to New York to work on the Hell Gate Bridge, ironworkers from two native communities, Akwesasne (which straddles Ontario, Quebec, and New York State) and Kahnawake (near Montreal), have been "walking iron" across the city. In 2012, Kaniehtakeron "Geggs" Martin,

a fourth-generation Mohawk ironworker, stood twenty-seven stories above 55th Street, striding across a two-inch-wide steel beam and swaying a support column into place. What was open sky, soon became a steel-and-glass skyscraper. "I'm a connector," Martin told WNYC. "In the raising gang, it's my job to climb the steel, and erect the iron. It's my job to put the building up."

began in 1886, when Mohawk people were hired to build the Victoria Bridge for the Canadian Pacific Railroad, across the Saint Lawrence River, onto Mohawk land. The Dominion Bridge Company, the construction firm responsible for the bridge, intended to hire Mohawks as day-laborers unloading materials, but Mohawk bridgemen were more interested in riveting work, which was the most dangerous, and the highest paid. Of riveting, a DBC official once explained, "men who want to do it are rare, and men who can do it are even rarer." Mohawk ironworkers have preserved that rare skill for generations. Kyle Karonhiaktatie

Beauvais, a sixth-generation Mohawk ironworker, told the Smithsonian in 2002, "A lot of people think Mohawks aren't afraid of heights; that's not true. We have as much fear as the next guy. The difference is that we deal with it better. We also have the experience of the old timers to follow and the responsibility to lead the younger guys. There's pride in walking iron." In the 1920s, New York City became the place for walking iron, as the lean skeletons of New

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Manhattan. But, then as now, the US Immigration Service followed ill-advised policies that were detrimental to the nation. In this case, immigration officials tried to deport a number of Mohawk Click to read more

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MTA Construction and Development Contract No. 6401 Bid Date: July 26, 2024

Description of project: Design, furnish, construct, and install concrete perimeter flood walls, seepage cut-off barriers below the concrete flood walls, flood gates, deployable flood barriers, sump pumps, a tide gate chamber, drainage system improvements, workable aisles and a diesel generator, an automatic

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DBE SUBCONTRACTORS, VENDORS, SERVICE PROVIDERS NJ TRANSIT-Delco Lead, County Yard Improvements, Storage and Inspection

The Delco Lead and County Yard Expansion is a multifaceted project that would address the operations, storage, and resiliency needs along the NEC and provide a safe haven for cars in the

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Facility GC.02 Superstorm Sandy Recovery Program Project NJ TRANSIT IFB No. 0000004 Bid Date: August 8, 2024 **Brief description of work:**

Lead track and the construction of adjacent track from County Yard to North Brunswick for the storage of NJ TRANSIT trains in the event of severe weather. The project consists of 3.20 miles of rail and catenary construction in an area adjacent to the Northeast Corridor called the Delco Lead ("Delco") and another 1.27 miles containing a new electrified rail yard with five 2,200-foot-long storage and inspection tracks along with a

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Bid Date: August 9, 2024 Brief description of work: The New AirTrain will replace the existing AirTrain, which opened in 1996, has outlived its

useful life, and does not currently provide customers with the modern customer service amenities and service reliability expected of a world-class automated people mover (APM) system. The New AirTrain will include three new stations, and connect to the new modern Terminal A,

the future Terminal Two (currently Terminal B), the Airport's new ConRAC facility, and the Northeast Corridor Rail Link Station, linking AirTrain customers to regional rail and light rail networks, and thereby encouraging customers and Airport employees to use public transit to

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New York City Football Club Stadium Project



Available Opportunities and Bidding Dates: -Exterior Wall Trades - Package to be released April 2024 -MEP Trades - Package to be released 3rd Quarter 2024 -Architectural Trades - Packages to be released 3rd and 4th Quarter 2024

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location of the NYCFC and City in the Community Non-Profit Headquarters. This project will include

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