



Men of Steel: How Mohawks Built New York

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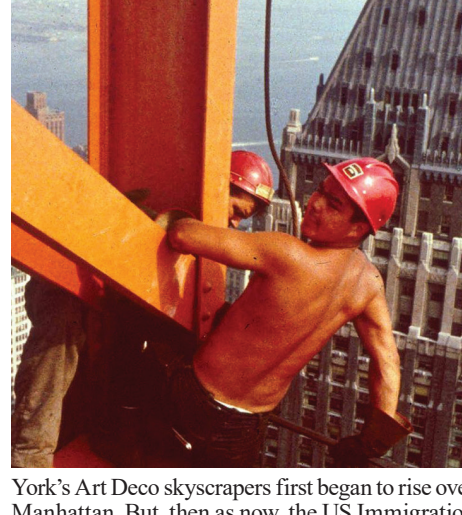
The Empire State Building. The George Washington Bridge. The United Nations. The Woolworth Building. Thirty Rock. The Seagram Building. Lincoln Center. The Waldorf Astoria. Virtually all of New York's most iconic structures were raised in part by Mohawk Native American ironworkers. Since 1916, when Mohawk 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, Kanietakeron "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."

The tradition of "Mohawks in High Steel" 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



York's Art Deco skyscrapers first began to rise over 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

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Bidding Dates and Opportunities Available:
 The following packages will bid on or about June 1, 2019, awarded in July/August 2019:

- Bridge Steel
- Stainless Steel Ornamental Hand Rails with Stainless Mesh
- Fencing/Protection Packaging
- Carpentry Wood Decking (wood deck on the bridge)
- Electrical (lighting on the bridge)

If you are interested in Turner Construction's prequalification process and bidding information on this project, please contact Turner's Construction Executive Jim Wachala, cell 917-566-2509 or email jwachala@tcco.com and Lead Estimator Arkadij Lyanski, 347-721-4898 or alyanski@tcco.com .

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SUNY Purchase Rehab High Temperature Hot Water (HTHW) System Phase 2
 State University Construction Fund Contract No. 291014-00
 Bid Date: July 30, 2019

Description of Project:
 The work to be done under the contract, in accordance with the contract documents, consists of performing, installing, furnishing, and supplying all materials, equipment, labor, and incidentals necessary or convenient for the construction of SUCF Project No. 291014-00 titled "Rehab HTHW System Phase 2" and carrying out all of the duties and obligations imposed upon the contractor by the contract documents. The main features of the work shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- Repaint the pipe bridge over Blind Brook
- Modify the heating plant make-up water heater
- Replace the heating plant bearing water cooling tower
- Replace the heating plant controls:
- Demolish and remove existing master control panel and associated field devices
- Furnish and install a new master control panel, field devices, and control wiring
- Connect new controls to existing building management system
- Physical Education Building decentralization:
- Furnish and install a fully-functional boiler plant in the Physical Education Building
- Furnish and install domestic hot water heaters
- Demolish and remove abandoned equipment
- Replace the heating plant motor control center
- Replace the variable frequency drives for heating plant pumps P-3 and P-4

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CBTC 8th Avenue Line (59th Street to High Street) "B" Division (IND) Project in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Brooklyn
 MTA NYCT Contract No: S-48006
 Bid Date: July 31, 2019

ALL QUOTATIONS ARE DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS Friday, July 26, 2019.
 For further information concerning subcontracting and/or purchasing opportunities, and to register as a subcontractor or vendor, please respond to solicitations@tutorperini.com or contact Jackie Cotto at 914-739-1908. Come and join our team!

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Rehabilitation of Structural Steel, Removal of Lead Based Paint, and Repainting the Underside of the Lower Level of the George Washington Bridge
 PANYNJ Contract No: GWB-244.112
 Bid Date: August 7, 2019

Subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to Bridge Bearings, Field Office, CPM Scheduling, Electrical, Lead and Asbestos Abatement, Civil General Contracting, Construction Engineering, Dumpster, Fencing, Fuel, Haul and Dispose, Miscellaneous Metals, MPT, Office Trailer Fit Out, Painting, Safety Boat, Signs, Structural Steel, Surveying, and Trucking. Please see contract documents for further opportunities.

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Boots to Business Entrepreneurial Training for Veterans and Spouses
 Saturday, July 27, 2019, 8:00 am-4:00 pm
 Camp Johnson Regional Training Institute, 351 Academy Lane, Colchester, VT
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration
 Contact: Chris Herriman, 202-868-3202, chris.herriman@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required

Boots to Business is a two-step training program developed to introduce all veterans and transitioning service members to business ownership. This two-day workshop helps ensure that every participant has access to a standardized entrepreneurship training track and the small business resources in their local communities. Any veteran, spouse, and/or dependent children over eighteen are welcome to participate! After completing the two-day Boots to Business session, participants will have the tools and knowledge they need to identify a business opportunity, draft a business plan, connect with local small business resources, and launch their small business.

Boots to Business Reboot
 Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 9:00 am-5:00 pm
 James J Peters VA Medical Center, Room 3D22, 130 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, Arsenal Partnership
 Contact: Amy Amoroso, 518-326-6328, aamoroso@arsenalpartnership.com

Fee: Free; registration required
 Sign up for Boots to Business Reboot, a free two-step training program about entrepreneurship for transitioning service members and their spouses. Participants receive an overview of business ownership as a career vocation, an outline and knowledge on the components of a business plan, a practical exercise in opportunity recognition, and an introduction to available public and private sector resources. Boots to Business is a component of the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program and is sponsored by the SBA. The SBA was created in 1953 as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small businesses, to preserve free competitive enterprise, and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

Let's Complete the WOSB/EDWOSB Certification Together for Federal Government Contracts
Thursday, August 15, 2019, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
 LaGuardia Community College, 29-10 Thomson Ave, C Building, Suite C335, Long Island City, NY
 Main Sponsor(s): US Small Business Administration, LaGuardia Small Business Development Center
 Contact: Man-Li Lin, 212-264-7060, man-li.lin@sba.gov
Fee: Free; registration required
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