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MCA of New York Appoints New Executive Vice President



NEW YORK—November 05, 2009— The Mechanical Contractors Association of New York (MCA New York) is proud to announce that following a nation-wide search, they have appointed **Alexander Gettler** as the Association's new **Executive Vice President**. Mr. Gettler succeeds Raymond W. Hopkins, who will retire in December of 2009, after twenty six years in the position.

Al Gettler has been a part of the construction trades industry for over twenty years. He began his career in labor relations and association management with the General Contractors Association of New York as the Assistant Director of Labor Relations. In this capacity, he represented member firms with 15 New York City construction unions. He then became the Executive Director of the Association of Master Painters and Decorators, where he ran all aspects of the Association, directing administrative, financial and labor functions. Mr. Gettler later returned to the General Contractors Association of New York, where he headed the Association's labor relations function, representing management in over 150+ grievances per year and acting as Chief Spokesperson in collective bargaining negotiations with fifteen different heavy construction unions.

For the past three years, Mr. Gettler has been the Vice President of Industrial Relations and Director of Human Resources for the National Fire Sprinkler Association (NFSA), a national trade association with 400 members. At the NFSA, he served as Chief Spokesperson for management negotiations with 18 United Associations locals as well as representing management in grievances and arbitrations. Mr. Gettler developed and implemented the Association's labor relations strategy and successfully negotiated a National Residential Agreement with the United Association.

In addition, Mr. Gettler served as the Secretary of the National Automatic Sprinkler Industry Pension and Welfare Funds with assets in excess of \$4 billion, as well as acting as a Trustee on several other Taft-Harley Funds.

Mr. Gettler has also taught various courses in employee benefits at New York University, Fairleigh Dickinson, and the College of Insurance. He earned his MBA in Economics from New York University and a Bachelor's Degree in Labor Relations from Cornell University. He also holds the Certified Employee Benefit Specialist accreditation. He lives in Pearl River, New York with his wife and two children.