

# WTS-GNY Community Buzz



Advancing Women in Transportation  
Greater New York Chapter

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## What's happening at WTS-GNY

### WTS Greater New York Chapter 2014 Annual Gala

#### Date

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

#### Time

5:30-8:30PM

#### Place

BATTERY GARDENS RESTAURANT

New York, NY 10017

(inside Battery Park opposite 17 State Street)

Business attire

#### HONOREE

2014 Woman of the Year

Veronique "Ronnie" Hakim

Executive Director, NJ Transit

#### INTRODUCED BY

The Honorable Flora M. Castillo

APTA Chair 2012-2013

#### GUEST SPEAKERS

Joan McDonald

New York State DOT Commissioner

Polly Trottenberg

## Save the dates for these upcoming events

- October 7 - Annual Gala
- November 17 - Dinner Program with keynote speaker Patrick J. Foye, PANYNJ Executive Director

#### Chairman

The logo for AECOM, featuring the word 'AECOM' in a bold, sans-serif font with a stylized 'E'.

The logo for GPI, featuring the letters 'GPI' in a large, bold, serif font.

The logo for HAKS, featuring the word 'HAKS' in a bold, sans-serif font with a green square to the left.

The logo for JACOBS, featuring the word 'JACOBS' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

The logo for PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF, featuring the words 'PARSONS' and 'BRINCKERHOFF' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Silent auction to benefit the chapter's scholarship fund  
Registration is open!  
Look for the official invite in your mailbox very soon.

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WTS Community - Stay Connected!



## 2016 WTS Annual Conference

If you haven't heard the good news, our chapter will be hosting the WTS Annual conference in 2016. New York and New Jersey have not held the conference since the turn of the century! Sixteen years has seen much change in our region's infrastructure and all of us at WTS are involved in some way in the evolution of transportation here, at home.

We are busy organizing and beginning conference planning and will keep all chapter members informed of conference developments as they occur over the next many months until May of 2016, conference time. One of our first missions is to select a conference theme, as reflected in a tag line. The board would love the chapter's feedback, as we develop the theme that will define our program tracks.

Please send your ideas to (wtsgny@gmail.com) by September 15th. We welcome all responses, and will showcase this region's rich diversity in all of transportation!

## Transportation YOU Committee Set for 2014-15 School Year



The WTS-GNY Chapter's Transportation YOU Committee is excited to kick-off its fourth year of mentoring young women from City Polytechnic High School located in Downtown Brooklyn. The WTS-GNY Transportation YOU Committee has established a dynamic program that offers the City Poly students unique exposure to the transportation profession through mentoring events, and behind-the-scenes tours, such as the George Washington Bridge and the Staten Island Ferry. The Committee is looking

forward to the 2014-2015 school year, which will feature exciting tours as well as an increased focus on developing strong mentoring partnerships with the students. The first event will be an interactive kick-off meeting with the mentors and students in October.

After three successful years led by Nicole Bucich (PB) and Deborah Hyman (NYCT), the committee welcomes incoming Co-Chairs



*Executive*



*President*



*Associate*



For Innovation in Executive Search...



Taylor Reiss Gouge and Emmanuelle Humblet. Having participated in the committee since early on, they are enthusiastic to continue this great program and celebrate its successes with the WTS community. When not mentoring aspiring young transportation professionals, Taylor is a project manager at NYCDOT focused on implementing the city's Select Bus Service Program. Emmanuelle is a project manager at VHB, leading sustainability planning projects for airports and municipalities.

The committee is looking for a few more enthusiastic mentors for the 2014-2015 school year. Joining the committee is an opportunity to:

- Mentor bright, motivated young women from City Polytechnic High School of Engineering, Architecture, and Technology
- Be part of a national partnership with WTS and
- USDOT to encourage young women to pursue careers in transportation and other STEM fields
- Work closely with other WTS-GNY mentors and go on exciting NYC transportation-related tours!

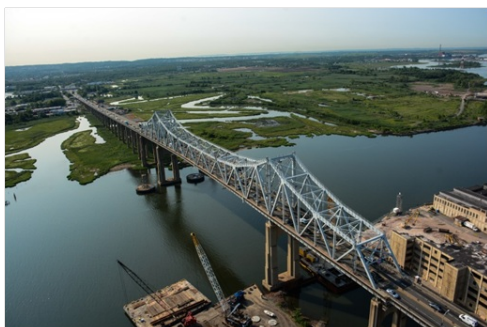
Interested in joining the Transportation YOU Committee? Please contact Co-Chairs Emmanuelle Humblet (ehumblet@VHB.com) or Taylor Reiss Gouge (treiss@dot.nyc.gov).

WTS-GNY seeks your company's participation in our 2014-2015 Corporate Partnership Program.

## CORPORATE PARTNER SPOTLIGHT - Robinson Aerial Surveys

### GROWTH & RELIABILITY

Robinson Aerial Surveys, Inc. (Robinson) was founded in 1936 to provide photogrammetric mapping and aerial photography services to the private sector, state and county agencies. Our firm has grown steadily to provide expertise on projects throughout the Northeast. Robinson is positioned to service the entire region.



Goethals Bridge, PANYNJ

Throughout the years, our firm has worked on more than 10,000 projects for major clients. Our clientele includes state, county and government agencies, major engineering firms and private developers. We have worked on projects for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, NJ Department of Transportation, NJ Transit, NJ Highway Authority, NJ Turnpike Authority, NYC MTA,

and LIRR among others.

### STRATEGIC CERTIFICATIONS, LOCATIONS, AND STAFF

Robinson is a certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE).

Located less than an hour from New York City, with offices in Hackettstown and Newark, NJ, the offices are geographically positioned to respond to our clients' needs.



W/M/DBE PARTNERS



Production specific applications include aerial surveys, planimetric and topographic mapping, digital ortho-photography, aerial triangulation, airport, highway/rail mapping and GIS landbase development. Robinson's staff includes certified photogrammetrists, licensed land surveyors, professional licensed engineers, and CADD specialists to provide comprehensive mapping services.

#### INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Robinson forms partnerships with our clients to help them comply with regulations, avoid liability, solve engineering problems, provide cost-effective engineering solutions, and improve infrastructure. Through similar partnerships, we offer our clients a combined experience of over 75 years of service from the firms, providing specialized engineering advisory services.

Robinson has extensive experience in successfully providing all aspects of services. Our team has provided land surveying, mapping, engineering, and construction management services to various agencies including federal, state, and municipalities.

Many of our clients, professional, and subcontracting relationships extend across many projects and years. We have developed a reputation for achieving quality work products by working with the client to establish common agreement on scope of work, being innovative in problem solving, utilizing all of our assets and resources, being cost effective and responsive to schedule constraints, and communicating constantly with all stakeholders in the project.

## Job Opportunities

### **Parsons Brinckerhoff**

Parsons Brinckerhoff, an international leader providing consulting services to owners and operators of transportation infrastructure, is looking for an ambitious, dynamic, high-energy self starter to join our strategic consulting team as an associate in our Transit and Rail Asset Management service area. You will join an established team that is in the forefront of the development and implementation of improved asset management practices in the transit and rail industry.

#### **About Strategic Consulting Services**

Our Strategic Consulting practice is a national business that provides a range of management consulting services for transportation infrastructure owners, operators, and service providers that increase their performance and productivity. Our work reduces cost, improves customer service, and results in better transportation system outcomes. We are a multi-disciplinary team that combines strong competencies in strategy, management, business planning and analytics, financial analysis, policy analysis, engineering management, and technology transfer with a deep understanding of our clients' policy, technical, and fiscal environment.

#### **About our Rail and Transit Asset Management Services**

Parsons Brinckerhoff's Rail and Transit Asset Management Service Area is focused on delivery of organizational change, business improvement, capital program development and the introduction of best practice asset management practices in both, rail and bus transit agencies, railroad operations and airports. We work with clients to enhance their effectiveness through the adoption of good practice asset management. Our vision is to maintain our position as the leading provider of transport asset management support services in the United States.

#### **About the Position**

We are recruiting motivated self-starters with a demonstrated interest in asset management to join a dynamic fast paced multidisciplinary team. We seek problem solvers who combine strong analytical skills, excellence in communicating, and the ability to master new concepts quickly with meticulous attention to detail to deliver high quality work. You will work

as part of an established team and interact with clients on a regular basis.

**The successful candidate will have the following skills and experience:**

- Minimum of four years professional experience, or equivalent, in the transportation sector or infrastructure sector.
- Demonstrated transportation sector knowledge and experience
- Bachelor's degree with a major in public administration, management, economics, engineering, planning, or similar degree required.
- Advanced degree specializing in transportation in a relevant field highly desired (economics, engineering, management science, public administration, or related field.)
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, with demonstrable experience in effectively communicating at all levels within a client organization
- Ambition and demonstrated ability for rapid advancement to take on leadership roles on engagements.
- Motivated, self-starter
- Ability to thrive in a dynamic, fast-paced multidisciplinary environment
- Be organized with a capacity and ability to balance priorities and meet deadlines;
- Strong interpersonal skills, works well within a team and high emotional IQ
- Ability to travel
- Must have authorization to immediately work in the United States

**Location**

The transit and rail asset management team works nationally and for the right candidate the office location is flexible provided it is in one of our larger offices in the United States. Preference is for New York City, Washington D.C., or Herndon, VA.

Parsons Brinckerhoff is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity in the work place. EOE minorities/ Females/Protected Veteran/Disabled.

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**The Port Authority is pleased to announce that we are currently recruiting for the position of Airport Operations Supervisors.**

The Port Authority operates one the world's premiere air transportation systems and airport operations supervisors play a critical role in our ability to maintain the safety, security and efficiency of daily operations of one of the world's busiest airport systems. We are seeking candidates with knowledge of airport terminal, security, landside, and aeronautical operations. A bachelor's degree is required.

**Any interested candidates should apply as soon as possible on-line at [www.JoinThePortAuthority.com](http://www.JoinThePortAuthority.com).**

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**The New Jersey Turnpike Authority**

Project Engineer Construction

**POSITION OBJECTIVE:**

Under the general direction of the supervising engineer, or, a designated Senior Project Engineer, supervises or assists in supervising the various engineering and administrative activities of

the Engineering Department's Construction Division.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.
2. Registration as Professional Engineer in New Jersey is preferred.
3. Seven (7) or more years of professional engineering experience preferably containing a mix of highway, structures, buildings, drainage, site, utilities and pavement design: contract document preparation, and construction supervision relating to various types of civil engineering projects, including at least four (4) or more years in responsible charge.
4. Excellent verbal and written communications skills.
5. Possesses a valid driver's license.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. In concert with the supervising engineer, or, a designated senior project engineer, develops strategies for accomplishing the construction division's project objectives. All classifications of construction supervision work performed by the Authority's Engineering Department may be included in the projects assigned to the Construction Division, with the emphasis on construction supervision of Highways, Bridges and Buildings facilities.
2. Functions as the Project Engineer for several projects which are underway concurrently.
3. Works in accordance with standards/policies set forth in the Authority's Manual for Construction, Standard Specifications, Standard Drawings, Design Manual and Design Standard Drawings.
4. Directs and manages the efforts of consulting engineers and subordinate members of the Construction Division associated with construction supervision.
5. Prepares budgets, estimates, plans, specifications, agenda, information, agreements, and other administrative matters, as may be required to provide total project management of Construction Division projects.
6. Prepares requests for Expressions of Interest, Technical and Fee Proposals, reviews Proposals and recommends selection of consulting engineers.
7. Represents the supervising engineer or, a designated senior project engineer in their absence and performs related duties.

**RESPONSIBILITY FOR RELATIONSHIPS:**

Maintains a cooperative working relationship with consulting engineers, outside agencies, superiors and others in the Engineering Department and throughout the Turnpike organization, Displays a flexible and adaptable attitude. Demonstrates leadership, initiative, good work ethics and team spirit and contributes positively to the Engineering Department's overall performance.