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FCA Names Regional Vice President

VIENNA, Va. – The newest regional vice president for the Finishing Contractors Association brings a wealth of experience in construction training and marketing to his position. Anthony D. “Tony” Darkangelo will join the FCA on Oct. 13, 2008.

Darkangelo most recently served as Executive Director of the Masonry Contractors Association of Michigan, a statewide employers’ association that is the negotiations and funds manager for union masonry contractors. Simultaneously, Darkangelo was Marketing Director for the Masonry Institute of Michigan, the promotional and educational arm of the masonry industry.

Darkangelo, who has extensive experience teaching construction related classes and public speaking, says these skills will help him in his duties as both liaison for local FCA affiliates to national resources, and in his work to recruit new members.

“I believe that you must build relationships, find out what a person needs and help them achieve that goal. That’s what good communication and teaching are about,” Darkangelo said. “I believe that you should listen and tailor a solution to meet the needs of your members.”



FCA Chief Executive Officer Stuart Binstock said Darkangelo will bring great “people skills” to his new role.

“I had two main criteria in mind when looking for a replacement for Bill Knopf --familiarity with the construction industry and secondly, familiarity with union contractors,” Binstock said. “Tony is experienced in both of those areas.”

Binstock added that Darkangelo is a “people person” who he believes will connect very well with FCA members. “He understands the unique issues that union contractors face every day and his enthusiasm for improving their businesses will be evident from day one,” Binstock said.

Darkangelo, who will be based near Detroit, replaces Bill Knopf, who served FCA for two years. He left in July to head an association in Indianapolis. Darkangelo will be one of three regional vice presidents for the Finishing Contractors Association. Jay Weaver, who has been with FCA

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since 1999, is based in the national offices outside Washington, D.C. A search for a third vice president, to be based in Canada, is underway.

About FCA

In 1997, union finishing contractors created the Finishing Contractors Association, as they sought to address the unique labor-management and government relations needs of union employers. All FCA members are signatory to collective bargaining agreements with our labor partner, the [International Union of Painters and Allied Trades](#).

Most members belong to a local FCA Affiliated Association in the United States or Canada. Finishing contractors perform painting, glass/glazing, drywall finishing and floor covering projects for general contractors, developers and owners. You'll find FCA members working on commercial, industrial and large, custom residential projects in the U.S and Canada. They are union contractors because they demand the best quality in workmanship, productivity and safety for their customers. FCA members know they can achieve the best by partnering with a strong labor union, which provides the skilled workers.

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