

Press Conference

By

New Providence Contractors Association

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AP- Nassau, The Bahamas - In a press conference today the newly formed New Providence Contractors Association met with various local media outlets including NB12, JCN and the Tribune to officially announce their organization to the general public. The group which consisted of various leaders and general contractors in the construction industry voiced their concerns about a collection of matters including the proposed Contractors Bill now being pushed before the Government by The Bahamian Contractor Association.

Delroy Meadows who is the founder of the association said that many of those who would be affected (if the Bill were to pass) have yet to read it. "I believe that if a Bill such as this were to pass it should have the full input of the majority of those in the industry. I dont think it's fair to have one association responsible for the drafting of such a Bill when this association does not represent the entire industry. We are here to make sure that diverse representation exists to allow for fairness and transparency in regards to the regulation of the contractors in The Bahamas."



Alex Morley who is an attorney for the association stated that there were many concerns about the Bill including the makeup of the Acceptance and Disciplinary Committee also the Board itself. He stated the need to assure that proper representation of all contractors are present within these committees and those overseeing the committees.

Steering Committee members Sydney Sylvester, Clifton Colebroke and Audley Hanna all expressed that the New Providence Contractors Association is fully equipped with certified contractors in every area of the industry and are well capable of handling projects of any scale presented to them. They all also expressed the need for fairness within the industry as they feel that the majority of Bahamian contractors are being "left out" of many of the major projects now taking place in the country.

The association will be having its first general meeting at the Union Hall on East Street South and Solider Road next week Thursday, 28th of April at 7pm. They are inviting all contractors in the Bahamas to come out, join the association and hear the present concerns in the industry.

The New Providence Contractors Association now consists of about 300 members and is expected to attract well over 2000 at the general meeting next week. The association has plans to establish a school specifically for the construction industry within the coming months. The organization began in January of this year in the Fort Charlotte constituency and has since attracted numerous persons including former speaker of the house, Italia Johnson who's father attempted to unite contractors in The Bahamas some time ago.

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For more information watch NB12 News and JCN Channel 14 this evening. Read more about the association below.

NPCA

Our Purpose

This organization of professional contractors was formed with the purpose of uniting Bahamians within this industry together as one body for the effort of creating their own investments.

As one unit we will ensure that Equal Access and Opportunities for all local contractors are given with respect to small and large scale investment projects within the Bahamas.

Our Mission

Our mission includes (but not limited to) The Prevention of special interests associations and groups which are formed with the intent of controlling and monopolizing this industry. We are also committed to the creation and maintenance of consistent work and revenue generation for all local contractors through innovative jobs schemes and investment initiatives.

Our Goal

The main goal of this association is simply to establish a new trend of fairness in the requested requirements needed to qualify contractors for acceptance of work, fairness and transparency in bidding processes and policies created to regulate this industry.

Our Belief

We believe that a diverse regulatory body, made up of unbiased and independent representation is essential to the proper growth, fairness and advancement of this industry.

We believe in ensuring that the wealth of this industry and this nation are equally distributed to all who are willing to work for it.

About NPCA

The New Providence Contractors Association was founded by Delroy Meadows as an employment generation plan for his community of Fort Charlotte.

After researching the industry he discovered that many of the smaller contractors in the Bahamas had been left out of many of the major investment projects taking place in New Providence. Contractors who were approached were found with many grievances and concerns about the industry including: unfair requirements for project bidding and employment along other restrictions.

As a political activist, Meadows quickly developed a plan to unite these contractors under one body and thus the NPCA was formed.

The NPCA aims to be the dominant voice within the industry in The Bahamas. With its foundation built on equality and self-development the NPCA will no doubt grow to a tremendous success. The association was created purpose of uniting Bahamians within the industry together as one body for the effort of creating their own investments which is also the key focus of its founder. "I am one to believe that we ourselves can build our own projects. If our money can't buy it then let us create it" - Delroy Meadows (NPCA – Founder)

The association is open to all licensed Bahamian contractors, laborers and industry suppliers.