



## Tishman's Badame New Chair of the Regional Alliance for Small Contractors

**Jay Badame**, President and COO of **Tishman Construction Corporation** of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, has become The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors' (RASC) new Chairman. Badame takes on the role once held by **John L. Tishman**, former Chairman of Tishman Construction Corporation and one of the founders of RASC in the 1990s.

RASC is a construction industry organization that trains, promotes and supports the development of small, minority- and women-owned construction and related businesses.

As a supporter of RASC since its inception, Tishman Construction has devoted professional staff members, who serve as instructors, consultants and advisers, to developing small, minority- and women-owned businesses. Many of these firms have gone on to perform admirably on such signature Tishman projects as the Bank of America Tower at One Bryant Park, which recently was certified as the world's first LEED Platinum skyscraper, and on the new 1 World Trade Center Tower, which will be New York's tallest building.

Badame has more than 32 years of diversified construction industry experience, including 25 years with Tishman. He joined Tishman in 1985 as a Project Engineer on the South Street Seaport project in Manhattan. He rose through the ranks of the organization and in 1993 was put in charge of Tishman's New Jersey and Pennsylvania operations.

As President and Chief Operating Officer of Tishman Construction in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Badame is playing a key role in such landmark projects as the new One World Trade Center, the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, and the Trans-Hudson Express Tunnel, a new rail passenger tunnel linking New Jersey and midtown Manhattan. He earned a BS in Civil Engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

Regional Alliance programs, particularly the training curriculum entitled "Managing Growth" combined with networking opportunities, have proven to enable many participants to win substantial contract awards. In "Case Studies of State Minority Business Assistance Programs," which was commissioned by the U.S. Department of Commerce and presented to the Council of State Development Agencies, the Regional Alliance's technical assistance program was cited as "demonstrably effective in positively impacting the behavior of recipient firms, and it deserves to be emulated throughout the country." The Regional Alliance was a finalist (\$25,000 award) in the Ford Foundation and John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University's Innovations in State and Local Government Program. The Alliance is also the recipient of citations for outstanding service from the Governors of New York and New Jersey and the U.S. Small Business Administration.