



Tishman Construction President Becomes RASC Chairman

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The [Regional Alliance for Small Contractors \(RASC\)](#) has announced that Jay Badame, president and COO of [Tishman Construction Corp.](#) of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, has become its new chairman. Badame takes on the role once held by John L. Tishman, former chairman of Tishman 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 says it has devoted professional staff members, who serve as instructors, consultants and advisers, to developing small, minority- and women-owned businesses. Tishman adds that many of these firms have gone on to perform admirably on Tishman projects such 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.

"We welcome our long-time friend and adviser, Jay Badame, as the new chairman of the Regional Alliance," says Earle J. Walker, RASC executive director. "We look forward to new initiatives and new growth under Jay's leadership."

Outgoing RASC chairman Milo E. Rivero, Ph.D., P.E., and president of STV Group Inc., was also honored at a recent membership meeting for his leadership and support of the RASC.

"We look forward to strengthening this mutually rewarding enterprise that produces fine entrepreneurs,

fosters employment and invigorates competition within the construction industry," Badame says. "My goal as chairman is to strengthen RASC's programs even further, so that they are emulated throughout the country and provide a framework for a more competitive industry nationwide."

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. According to Tishman, he quickly rose through the ranks of the organization by continuously demonstrating a thorough understanding of how to manage work effectively on a wide range of projects. In 1993, Badame was put in charge of Tishman's New Jersey and Pennsylvania operations. In this role, he led Tishman's efforts on several major, multi-million-dollar projects, such as the JFK International Airport Redevelopment Program, the Continental Airlines Global Gateway Program at Newark Liberty International Airport, Rutgers University RUNet Program, New Jersey Transit's Hoboken Terminal and Rail Yard Complex Redevelopment and the Borgata Hotel, Casino & Spa in Atlantic City.

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 bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University.

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