



Forest City Ratner celebrates topping out of Barclays Center

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Forest City Ratner Companies, Hunt Construction Group, Inc., Banker Steel, J.F. Stearns Company, Onexim Sports & Entertainment, and NETS Basketball celebrated the topping out of Barclays Center in a ceremony at the arena site.

The event marked the significant milestone of the completion of the 10,400 pounds of structural steel for Barclays Center, the major sports and entertainment venue opening at Atlantic and Flatbush Avenues in September 2012. Erection of steel commenced in November 2010.

Forest City Ratner chairman and CEO Bruce Ratner, the arena developer, visited Barclays Center and congratulated the more than 500 workers on their momentous achievement.

"From day one, I said I want to develop great things that create jobs, and that's what we're doing by building this spectacular arena," said Ratner. "In just eight months we will open Barclays Center and bring many exciting events here, where your hard work will be appreciated by millions of people for years to come. I can't thank you enough for your dedication. And, most importantly, it's all union, union, union as we continue to build important projects for the city and the state."

"Hunt Construction wants to thank Forest City Ratner Companies and NETS Basketball for the opportunity to participate on this landmark project," said Mark Gladden, project executive for Hunt Construction Group, Inc. "We also congratulate our partners Banker Steel, J.F. Stearns Company and Ironworkers Local 361 in topping out the Barclays Center steel framing. We look forward to the grand opening and ribbon cutting this fall!"

The NETS thanked the workers by providing 1,000 tickets to upcoming weekend games, and Hunt Construction provided the workers with celebratory Barclays Center topping out long-sleeve t-shirts. Barclays Center was designed by the award-winning architectural firms AECOM and SHoP Architects, Barclays Center.

In addition to Barclays, the naming rights partner, founding partners for Barclays Center include Cushman & Wakefield, EmblemHealth, Foxwoods Resort Casino, MetroPCS, Stolichnaya, and Tyco. Other sponsors include: Anheuser-Busch, The Coca-Cola Company, Haier America, High Point Solutions, Phillips-Van Heusen, and Willis.

Located atop one of the largest transportation hubs in New York City, Barclays Center will be accessible by nine subway lines and the Long Island Rail Road.

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