

# NEWSLETTER

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# BCA

**BAHAMIAN CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin this new quarter, I wish to extend my appreciation to each of you for your continued dedication to the Bahamian Contractors Association (BCA).

Our industry plays a vital role in national development, and it is through the professionalism, skill, and integrity of our members that we continue to build confidence in the sector.

The BCA remains committed to advancing the interests of Bahamian contractors by strengthening our advocacy, promoting fair and transparent practices, and ensuring that our members are well positioned to compete in a rapidly evolving marketplace. We are actively engaging policymakers, industry stakeholders, and the wider community to reinforce the importance of supporting Bahamian expertise in all areas of construction.

As we look ahead, our focus will remain on training, certification, and the elevation of standards across the industry. These efforts are not only essential for the growth of individual businesses, but also critical to safeguarding the reputation and sustainability of our profession.

I encourage all members to remain actively engaged in the work of the Association and to take full advantage of the opportunities for learning, networking, and collaboration that lie ahead. Together, we can continue to build a stronger, more resilient construction sector for The Bahamas.

**Leonard Sands-** President



## Top News

**Certificate Training for General Contractors**

**Prime Minister Davis acknowledges urgency to appoint Contractors' Board**



**MIX & MINGLE  
October 3rd., 2025**

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## VISION

To be the leading advocate and authoritative voice for construction excellence in The Bahamas, promoting sustainable growth, professionalism, and innovation in the construction industry.

## MISSION

The Bahamian Contractors' Association exists to support and empower contractors by advancing training, promoting best practices, influencing policy, and providing guidance on all matters related to construction in The Bahamas.

## GOALS

**Advocacy:** Champion the interests of contractors and represent the construction sector in dialogue with government and regulatory bodies.

**Training & Development:** Promote continuous professional development through workshops, certifications, and knowledge-sharing initiatives.

**Best Practices:** Encourage adherence to industry standards, ethical practices, and sustainable construction methods.

**Support & Networking:** Serve as a resource and support network for contractors, fostering collaboration and information exchange.

**Policy Advisory:** Advise and guide the government on construction-related legislation, regulations, and industry trends.

**Industry Recognition:** Highlight and celebrate achievements within the Bahamian construction sector.





# DEVELOPMENT: TOWARD A BETTER FUTURE

## CONTRACTORS CERTIFICATION COURSE:

Gain essential skills to become a  
certified general contractor

## CALL TO ACTIVATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD:

A visit with the Prime Minister of the  
Commonwealth of The Bahamas; Hon. Phillip  
Davis, open new dialogue to uphold the  
Contractors Act 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mix N Mingle  
Venu: Nassau Yacht Club

Training Opportunity  
October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Bahamian Contractors Association hosts monthly meetings to keep members informed, connected, and engaged. Each session features industry guest speakers who share insights on current trends, policies, and opportunities shaping the construction sector.

## MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS

**The Balmoral Clubhouse, Last  
Wednesday of every month, at  
12:00Noon**

These meetings highlight key activities in the industry while providing valuable opportunities for networking, education, and collaboration. They are an important forum for strengthening relationships and advancing professional growth.

We encourage all members to attend, participate, and benefit from the knowledge and connections these gatherings provide as we continue building a stronger future for Bahamian contractors.

BCA President Represents The  
Bahamas at BUILDCON Expo 2025

# PARTNERSHIP & INNOVATION

April 2025, President Leonard Sands, on invitation from the Bahamas Chamber of Commerce, attended the BUILDCON Expo in New Delhi, India, a premier gathering for the construction and infrastructure industries. The expo brought together global leaders, innovators, and policymakers to showcase the latest technologies, materials, and sustainable practices shaping the future of construction.

President Sands' participation highlighted The Bahamas on the international stage and opened the door for valuable connections with industry partners across Asia and beyond. The event underscored the importance of global collaboration in addressing common challenges, from building resilience against climate change to adopting innovative solutions in housing, infrastructure and energy efficiency.

For the Bahamian Contractors Association, BUILDCON 2025 represents an important step toward expanding partnerships, encouraging knowledge exchange, and introducing innovative practices that can strengthen our industry at home. By engaging internationally, we ensure that Bahamian contractors remain competitive, forward-thinking, and well-positioned for the opportunities of tomorrow.





## CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTRACTORS BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

The Bahamian Contractors Association (BCA) was pleased to partner with Stone Oak in support of their annual construction expos, which highlight Bahamian-owned businesses and showcase local talent within the industry.

This year, three expos were held, each attracting strong participation from contractors, suppliers, and service providers. The events provided valuable opportunities for attendees to gain

insights into market price points, explore new products, and strengthen connections with key industry partners.

President Leonard Sands and the BCA Board encourage all contractors and businesses in the construction field to take full advantage of events like these. They serve not only as platforms for networking and education, but also as important drivers for growth, innovation, and the advancement of Bahamian construction.

### FEATURE YOUR BUSINESS

The Bahamian Contractors' Association (BCA) is leading the charge in transforming the construction industry in The Bahamas!

As a BCA member, you're not just building projects, you're building your business, your brand, and your future.

#### BCA SPOTLIGHT MEMBER

We're shining a light on our amazing members who are helping shape the future of construction in The Bahamas!

Each spotlight celebrates the dedication, innovation, and excellence our members bring to every project.

Want to see YOUR company in the spotlight?

Join the Bahamas Contractors Association (BCA) today and connect with a community that's building better together. If you're serious about growth, visibility, and impact in the construction industry, this is where you belong. If you're serious about growth, visibility, and impact in the construction industry, this is where you belong.

**JOIN TODAY!**





## *BCA Strengthens Ties with the Ministry of Education*



Standing– BCA Executives: Omar Rameriz, Da’Ron Darling, Debbie Deal, Robyn Agilvie, Leonand Sands President, Christine King, Alejandra Rosete Rivas and Avery Lightbourne. Sitting: Dominique McCartney–Russell, Director of Education

The BCA remains committed to fostering partnerships that support training programs, apprenticeships, and professional development initiatives. By bridging the gap between classrooms and construction sites, the Association is helping to ensure a stronger, more skilled workforce for The Bahamas.

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Supporting  
industry growth  
through training

This engagement marks another step in BCA’s ongoing mission to champion industry growth, support local talent, and secure a sustainable future for contractors and the communities they serve.

## KEY INDUSTRY RELATIONSHIPS VERITAS CONSULTANTS LIMITED



Veritas Celebrated 25 years in July 2025 at an event held at the Balmoral Club House. Founded in 2000, VERITAS Consultants Limited provides sound solutions for Construction Cost and Management, Project Management and Construction services training. Comprising of a highly trained, dedicated and efficient technical staff tailor service to lend solutions for a variety of projects for both public and private clients.

### BCA Hosts Contractor's Certification Course

**BCA**  
BAHAMIAN CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION

**VERITAS**  
CONSULTANTS LIMITED

**CONTRACTOR'S  
CERTIFICATION  
COURSE**

Gain essential skills to become a certified General Contractor in this 3-day course. Learn industry standards, project management, and safety practices.

Cost: BCA Member \$500.00 No Vat  
Non BCA Member \$600.00 No Vat

**2025 COURSE DATES:**  
August 18-20, 2025

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Register on our website at  
<https://www.bahamiancontractors.org/training/>

From August 18-20, the Bahamian Contractors Association (BCA) successfully hosted its Contractor's Certification Course, a three-day program aimed at equipping participants with the essential skills to become certified General Contractors.

The course, facilitated by John Michael Clarke, Principal of Veritas Consulting Company, focused on industry standards, project management, and safety practices. Attendees benefited from practical insights and interactive sessions that reinforced the importance of professionalism and accountability in the construction sector.

The program was well attended, underscoring the strong interest among contractors in advancing their qualifications and aligning with best practices. Participant's feedback highlighted the value of the training in strengthening both technical knowledge and leadership capacity.

As part of the BCA's commitment to continuous education, this initiative reflects our dedication to raising industry standards and preparing Bahamian contractors to compete locally and globally. Members are encouraged to look out for upcoming certification and training opportunities designed to build capacity and foster innovation across the sector

# Nailed it!

## BCA CALLS FOR URGENT ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS BOARD

Bahamian Contractors Association (BCA) President Leonard Sands has emphasized the urgent need for the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) to be established, welcoming the announcement that Prime Minister Philip Davis plans to meet with the construction industry to hear its concerns.

The Construction Contractors Act, long-awaited by the industry, provides critical protection for consumers, including a builders' defects compensation scheme, a dispute resolution mechanism, and a consumer code. Despite the legislation being in place, the board responsible for day-to-day regulation has yet to be appointed.

A recent visit with Prime Minister Davis, PM Davis acknowledges the importance and urgency, "This is very encouraging," Sands said. "It is urgent that we conclude this matter and have the board appointed. The BCA has submitted the names of persons we recommend, and all necessary submissions from other industry groups have been made."

Sands stressed the importance of the board, likening it to the medical board, which protects the public and ensures accountability. He noted that the construction sector, the country's third-largest industry, requires a functioning regulatory body to address grievances, ensure standards, and protect consumers.

Sands expressed optimism that the appointment of the board will happen soon, marking a significant step forward for the industry

## THE OFFICIAL TALK SHOW OF THE BAHAMIAN CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION! BCA

These weekly show dives into the heart of the construction industry in The Bahamas, featuring insightful conversations with professionals, entrepreneurs, and experts who are shaping the built environment. From project trends to policy updates, Nail is where knowledge meets opportunity.

Whether you're in the field or just curious about how things get built, this is your moment to listen and learn.

Catch us on Guardian Radio 96.9FM, every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Follow us on our website and social platforms for updates and past episodes!



**THURSDAYS AT 6:30PM**



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THURSDAY AT 6:30  
P.M. ON GUARDIAN  
RADIO 96.9FM**





Minister of Housing and Urban Renewal Keith Bell Presents Contractors Training Certificates

During the monthly meeting held in September Minister Bell presented certificates to contractors participating in the BCA General Contractors course which was facilitated by industry renown consultant and President of Veritas Consultant company, John Michael Clarke



## Guest Speaker: Minister Keith Bell

Minister Keith Bell addressed a packed room of contractors and construction professionals during the Bahamian Contractors Association's (BCA) monthly luncheon held at The Balmoral on September 24th.

In his remarks, Minister Bell spoke to growing concerns regarding rising rental costs and the shortage of affordable housing for Bahamian families. He noted that the government is actively considering amendments to existing legislation aimed at controlling rent prices. "I've seen, very recently, a significant increase across the board of landlords raising rents. I've spoken to the Minister of Economic Affairs, Michael Halkitis, who is responsible for rent and rent control," Minister Bell said.

At the same time, he emphasized that any changes must also ensure landlords are not left at a disadvantage.

Minister Bell highlighted the government's rent-to-own program as a key initiative to help Bahamians achieve homeownership, particularly those unable to meet traditional deposit or mortgage requirements.

Rent-to-own homes are now in Sir Lynden Pindling Estates, in Central Pines, Spring City in Abaco, and in New Providence," he said. "And now, if you notice, the condominium-style buildings at Renaissance are well on their way as part of our full-scale rollout."



Climate Change Representative from Italy also presented at the BCA Weekly meeting.



# BCA Calls for Urgent Appointment of Construction Contractors' Board



## Why the Board Matters?

The Construction Contractors Act was designed to:

- Protect consumers through a builders' defects compensation scheme
- Provide a consumer code of practice
- Offer dispute resolution via mediation and arbitration
- License and regulate contractors just like architects, engineers, and electricians

The Bahamian Contractors Association (BCA) is calling on government to move swiftly on the appointment of the Construction Contractors Board (CCB), a long-overdue step required by law to regulate the industry.

In August, the BCA met with Prime Minister Philip Davis to stress the urgency of the matter. BCA President Leonard Sands reminded members that the Prime Minister pledged the Board would be in place by the end of September.

"The Construction Contractors Board must be established with urgency," Sands said.



The BCA has already submitted its list of nominees, along with other industry associations. Sands stressed that the composition of the Board is outlined clearly in the Act, and there is no reason for delay.

"The Construction Contractors Board is just as important as the Medical Board," Sands emphasized. "Without it, contractors and consumers remain without proper recourse or protection."

The BCA will continue to press for the immediate establishment of the CCB, ensuring that contractors and the Bahamian public benefit from a modern, regulated, and accountable construction industry.





# BCA 2025 NEW MEMBER LISTING

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Name of Company	
ALX Construction	
Ace Corp Security Solutions Company, Ltd.	
ACG Mechanical	
Advanced Construction Company	
B. T. Consultants	
Bahamas Building Supply	
Bahamas Nation Builders	
Cartwrights Electric	
Certified Chartered Consultants	
Daniel Wilson Construction	
Dynamic Builders	
Evan's Refrigerations & Air Conditioning	
ER Hanna	
Green Parrot Logistics	
Halo Construction Company	
Hanna & Sons Enterprise	
Integrity Builders, Ltd.	
Island Procurement, Inc.	
Joywall Construction	
Khamaal Rose Heavy Equipment & Construction	
Kemps Maintenance Services	
Lifeline IT Group of Companies, Ltd.	
Magnolia Plumbing	
Matunda Enterprises, Ltd.	
Michael Armbrister Construction	
Miracle Welding	
Navari's General Maintenance	
Palm Tree Digital	
Precision Builders	
REMAX Bahamas	
Sherwin Williams	
Spartan Builders, Ltd.	
Turbo Twinz Landscaping & Maintenance	
Wilco Builders	



# Bahamian Contractors' Association Networking Event



Join us for an exclusive networking event where professionals and entrepreneurs connect, collaborate, and grow



**03 October, 2025**

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm



Nassau Yacht Club,  
Poolside  
East Bay Street

## Why Attend:

- ✓ Expand your professional network
- ✓ Gain valuable industry knowledge
- ✓ Connect with like-minded Contractors and Suppliers
- ✓ Unlock new business opportunities

**» RSVP NOW**

**\$50**

Hors d'oeuvres and drinks.  
Prizes & Surprises



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