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At Expo Maine

Secretary Chao appears at state's biggest construction show, held at Augusta Civic Center

By Paul Fournier

Thousands of visitors attended the 27th Annual Construction Expo of Maine on April 11 and 12 at the Augusta Civic Center.

Sponsored by Maine Chapter No. 276 of the National Association of Women in Construction, the Pine Tree State's biggest construction show featured hundreds of equipment exhibits, informative seminars and a special address by U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao.



Joyce Newman, executive director of NAWIC's Maine Chapter 276, introduces U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao during April 12th visit to Expo.

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Above: Visitors check out a broad range of equipment on display at the Augusta Civic Center during the 27th Annual Construction Expo of Maine.

Below: Steve Cillizza, Michie Corp., discusses his company's products with Bob McMahon of the Pownal Fire Department.



Above: Greeting Expo visitors are NAWIC volunteers Marian Thomas, Jeanne Letourneau, Sheila Stratton, and Judith Purington.

Below: Manning the I & I Sling Inc. exhibit are Owen Oakes of Harrington Hoists and Cranes and Barry Richardson of I & I Sling.



Above: Al Fournier, New England Construction associate publisher, chats with Vicky Erickson at the NAWIC booth.

Below: Kathy Galen of Hyster New England chats with visitor Bob St. Onge of Jarr Management.



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1 - Having fun at the Maine DOT booth are Chris Jerolman and Gigi Ottmann-Deeves.

2 - Marilyn Sandelin tends her family's precast concrete products' display.

3 - Posing at the Enterprise Trenchless Technologies' booth are Jim Atkins, Lisa Pengel and Bruce Hubbard.

4 - Tad Spiller, right, discusses A.H. Harris & Sons' products with visitor Jerry Benson of West Paris, Maine.



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5 - Visitors Walt LaPlante and Bob Philbrick of Philbrick Well Drilling stop at the Ted Berry Company booth staffed by Jim Timberlake.

6 - Chris Bonney, Harry Bodneder and Bill Caffee represent the Scituate Companies.

7 - Visitors check out the Presby Environmental Inc. booth.

8 - Kenny Beaulieu of Gagne & Son Concrete Block and Mike Corson of Madison Water District talk about products listed in company brochure.



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9 - Cheryl Burton and Nancy Lamson share information about the Associated Builders & Contractors.

10 - New England Positioning Systems' Tim McGrath is visited by John Simon of Hampden, Maine.

11 - David Cichowski of Gardner, Maine, visits with Bryan Gordon at the Waste Management booth.

12 - Contractors check out surveying equipment at the Spiller's Supplies & Equipment display.

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Secretary Chao's visit, attended by federal protection for the U.S. Cabinet member, coincided with Women in Construction Week, initially proclaimed by Maine Governor John Balducci.

Construction and maintenance equipment, materials and services displays filled the 50,000-square-foot auditorium of the Civic Center and the facility's two-acre parking lot. New England Construction, which has been covering this event since the first Expo in 1981, took the accompanying photos with the exception of that of U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, which was provided by Kathy Guerin of Maine Drilling & Blasting. ■



1 - Representing United Rentals are Tim King, Rick Buck and Scott Miln.

2 - Posing at the North Atlantic Machinery (NAM) display are Mike Cowan of Superior Crushing and Rich Zibell of NAM.

3 - Kawasaki bucket holds Jim MacDougall of Dominion Equipment and Dan Norris, Pat Leavitt with grandson Tommy Leavitt, 8, and Paul Magnusson, Gorham Tractor.

4 - Kevin Taylor, Shawn Ready and Andy Bryant of Ted Berry Co., Inc.

5 - While tending the Wallingford Equipment Co. display, John Kiley checks on a customer's order.



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