

## **New Jersey Takes Decisive Step with GACC toward Implementing Dual Education Programs**

Apprenticeship opportunities for Women in Construction and Utilities Industry was the focus of a summit held at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) on November 1. Matthew Allen represented the GACC as part of a panel discussion on work-based learning, which is gaining momentum in New Jersey. The GACC is thrilled to be collaborating with the Garden State on creating skills enhancement programs for its current and future workforce.

In a strong show of his administration's intent on working with the GACC on dual education programs, NJ Governor Philip Murphy last month signed a Joint Declaration of Intent with the DIHK in Berlin. This document specifies a joint commitment to "...promoting technical education and training as a factor in individual development and achievement, economic and workforce development, and social growth, as well as means for strengthening the ties between the participants..."

Among the initial goals set forth by the GACC - New Jersey Declaration are:

- Exchange of information, experience, and best practices
- Fact-finding missions and expert meetings when warranted
- Partnerships with German business operating in the State of New Jersey

"The GACC is extremely delighted and honored that Governor Murphy, on behalf of the State of New Jersey, has chosen our organization for support and guidance on dual education practices," said Dietmar Rieg, President & CEO of the GACC NY. "It's a great example of the enduring ties that bind the US and Germany and something that clearly benefits the business community in both nations."