



Thomas S. Gunning

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Thomas S. Gunning is the Executive Director of the Building Trades Employers' Association Northeast (BTEA Northeast), one of the largest union contractor associations in the northeast region. Gunning's leadership role focuses on labor relations, training/education and industry affairs for over 260 contractors who cover 15 different trades and encompass 70 different local unions in the region. In addition, Gunning is a trustee for multiple building trades' pension, annuity, health and welfare funds.

Bringing both hands-on experience and a unique labor management perspective to his current position, Gunning began his career as a laborer in Local 223 before joining BTEA Northeast as the Director of Government & Industry Affairs.

In addition to leading the association's community initiatives, Gunning is a strong advocate for recovery and mental health. He founded the BTEA's Building Trades Recovery Week, an annual awareness and action campaign designed to break the stigma surrounding substance use disorder in the construction industry and encourage those struggling to reach out for help.