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## **Statement of Terry O'Sullivan, General President of LIUNA, On the Obama Administration's Acceleration of the Economic Recovery Plan**

**Washington, D.C. (June 5, 2009)** – LIUNA – the Laborers International Union of North America - General President Terry O'Sullivan made the following statement on the Obama Administration's acceleration of the economic recovery plan:

**We commend President Obama and Vice President Biden for working to accelerate the speed of jobs created from the economic recovery plan. While the pace of construction job loss was cut by half in the last month, we agree with the Obama administration that “not as bad is not good enough.” The best thing to bring relief to struggling Americans is good jobs with good paychecks.**

**The economic recovery plan has already started to put people back to work and accelerating the funding for projects to build America will create more jobs that workers desperately need. But even after the recovery plan creates or support an anticipated 700,000 construction jobs, there will still be more than 1 million unemployed construction workers. To create good jobs and demonstrate a sustained commitment to fixing our economy and taking care of our country we need a much greater investment to build America starting with the upcoming surface transportation reauthorization and the water bill currently waiting for action in the Senate.**

**We know what's working to get people back to work – for the sake of our country and economy, we must not only do it faster, but also do more of it.**

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*The half-million members of LIUNA – the Laborers' International Union of North America – are on the forefront of the construction industry, a powerhouse of workers who are proud to build America.*