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*Two generations talk: **Bob Pinkard** and **Jair Lynch**, on stage together. Our next Bisnow **Breakfast & Schmooze**, at the cool Redwood in Bethesda, **Wed, Oct 14**. Thanks to the US High Speed Rail Assn and Ponte Mellor Architects. Crazy low prices, [sign up!](#)*

We happened to be over at the White House **yesterday evening**—well, technically, the roof of the Hay Adams—and ran into HITT VP and Director of Law Firms **Drew Mucci**, who told us his firm just got some good news a couple hours before. (No, not the Nobel Peace Prize.)



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HITT Contracting will be doing interior construction for **Hunton & Williams'** planned 190k SF at **Square 54**. Drew, left (here with Sage Solution's **Karin Magness** and Washington Express's **Gil Carpel**), doubles as president of the **Law Firm Vendors Association**, and wearing our hat as publisher of **Bisnow Legal** (or is it Legal Bisnow, we forget), we were duty bound to join them for some Peking Duck, Cabernet, and beautiful weather high atop rush hour traffic.



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Speaking of Square 54, have you noticed how it's rising above ground level? We did some heavy duty research and walked over to snap this picture. It even has a fancy new name: "**2200 Penn.**" Just to remind you, the **2.6 acre** site will be **two residential towers** sharing a common lobby (275k SF), **one office** building with two towers (440k SF), and 70k feet of retail, including a 36k SF grocery store (can't identify it yet) mandated by zoning. **CBRE's** handling retail leasing; developer **Boston Properties** is doing office leasing in-house, and Hunton is its first anchor.



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Does this look like a **sci fi movie** where **cranes** take over the world? BP's **Ray Ritchey** tells us on the retail front they have commitments from a "major financial institution" and are close to a deal with a "most noteworthy fine dining establishment" and in extensive conversations with "a full array of casual dining options." He tells us there will be several major deal announcements in the next **60 to 90 days** and that first occupancy will be by Q1 '11. Armed with cash, he says BP's "fortunate to be one of the few developers that could proceed on a project of this size without a third party capital source for either debt or equity." Still, watch out for those cranes.

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Next stop **last night** on our fun search for **parking**: **AGC Of Metro Washington's** wonderful gala at the National Portrait Gallery. They gave out **41 awards** including owner of the year (GSA), Architect of the year (Gensler), and Subcontractor of the Year (~~Barack Obama~~ Mona Electric). Here we snapped AGC Marketing Director **Laura Curtin** and President **Shea Delutis-Smith** (of Clark) with ubiquitous Grunley guys **Joel Zingeser**, **Chip Scott**, and **Ryan Barney**. Ryan confidently predicts Brett Favre's **Vikings** will take St. Louis this weekend and is putting money on that. (Are we allowed to say that?)

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The amazing **interior courtyard** of the Gallery, still being set up before the **mob of eaters** descended.

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Okay, we didn't actually go to Georgia Avenue last night—we went to a *discussion* of it, hosted by the **African-American Real Estate Professionals** at Reed Smith, with prominent developers **Adrian Washington, Jair Lynch, and Chris Donatelli**. Jair said they're trying to build for the future instead of just dropping suburban templates into cities. (If our camera had a wider angle, we'd also show moderator **Barry Wright** of Newmark Knight.)



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