



MONTHLY UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2017

Labor News

All bulletins referenced below can be accessed in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Laborers, Local Nos. 172 & 472

In Bulletin 19-17, we distributed the updated wage and fringe benefit package for the New Jersey Construction & General Laborers, Local Nos. 172 & 472, and Asphalt Laborers, Local No. 172.

Fringe Benefit Fund Directory

In Bulletin 22-17, we provided an updated Fringe Benefit Fund Trustees & Administrators Directory.

Bricklayers' Rich Tolson to be Honored at Archbishop Reception

Rich Tolson, Director of the New Jersey Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, will be honored at the 24th Annual Archbishop's Business and Labor Recognition Reception on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, beginning at 6 pm at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. ACCNJ invites members to call the Association office (732.225.2265) if you wish to attend.

ACCNJ News

March Membership Meeting – March 14 - Last Chance to Register!

In Bulletin 07-17, we invited all members to the next ACCNJ Membership Meeting, Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 5:30 pm at the Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls-Eatontown. We are pleased to welcome Jeff Shoaf, Senior Executive Director, Government Affairs at AGC of America as the evening's featured speaker. Mr. Shoaf has lobbied for our parent organization for more than 20 years.

In addition, Associate Members are invited to participate in table top displays. For registration information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Coffee Talk on I-9 and E-Verify – April 13

ACCNJ will host a Coffee Talk on April 13, 8:30-11 am, at the Association office, featuring Harry W. Nash Jr., Management Program Analyst with USCIS Department of Homeland Security, as he updates members on the new I-9 Form and the latest E-Verify program highlights. Even the most seasoned business professionals will walk away with something new. Attendees will receive a review of recent changes and new resources available to assist with the employment eligibility verification process. The program is free-of-charge but attendees must register. Access the flyer under February Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

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Member Certifications

In Bulletin 21-17, we sent out a request for certification information so that we may update our database of member certifications as specified by federal, state and local contracting authorities. We encourage members to contribute, as it can be a valuable member resource and helpful tool for others who inquire. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Clarity Testing Offers Silica Rule Compliance Services

In February, we emailed information on behalf of Associate Member Clarity Testing, which offers services to help members comply with OSHA's new silica rule. Clarity offers full OSHA silica medical exams, pulmonary function tests, NIOSH "B" Read chest X-rays, respirator medical clearance and OSHA respirator fit testing. A Clarity mobile lab can come to your jobsite or office. Access the Clarity flyer under February Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Construction Risk Partners Has New Majority Stakeholder

Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group plc, a leading provider of insurance, reinsurance and employee benefits-related advice, brokerage and associated services around the world, has acquired a majority stake in ACCNJ Associate Member Construction Risk Partners. CRP's management team will remain with the company, which will do business as Construction Risk Partners, a JLT Group company.

Education and Workforce Development

Tuition Reimbursement Program – *NEW!*

As we announced to Active Members in Bulletin 15-17, ACCNJ's Industry Advancement Trust has approved a Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. For complete information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NRCC Foreman Training – *March 8 Class AT CAPACITY!*

As you know, Active Members signatory to the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters were invited to provide participants to the next class in the Foreman Training Program. We're happy to report the class scheduled for March 8 has reached capacity. If you are interested in signing up participants for a future class, please contact Jill Schiff at the Association

office via email, jschiff@accnj.org. We will announce the next date as soon as it's scheduled.

ACCNJ 2017 Scholarship Foundation Program – *Information Coming Soon!*

During the first week of March, the Association will send Active Members complete information and applications for the 2017 Scholarship Foundation Program, designed to assist employees of ACCNJ Active Member firms with their children's and grandchildren's higher-education needs. We thank our members for your continued support of the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation.

Construction Industry Career Day 2017 - *UPDATE*

We look forward to welcoming back Construction Industry Career Day, May 30 & 31 at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison. We take this opportunity to recognize the Event Sponsors: ACCNJ; Carpenter Contractor Trust; The Construction Network; DISCA; Engineers Labor-Employer Cooperative (ELEC); Ironworkers, Local Nos. 11 & 399; Laborers International of North America; Mechanical Contracting Industry Council of NJ; and NNJ Chapter, NECA. CICD Day Sponsors include: ADSC Northeast Chapter; Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Administrative District Council of New Jersey; Construction Roundtable of New Jersey; and UTCA of New Jersey. Visit the website at www.CICDNJ.org to learn more about the event.

Summer Internship Program Update – *Resumes Available*

In Bulletin 13-17, we alerted Active Members that student resumes for summer internships are now available. If you are interested in reviewing them, please contact the Association office.

Government Affairs

AGC of America Calls for Responsible Federal Agencies

In Bulletin 18-17, we informed you of an AGC of America regulatory, compliance and enforcement plan for federal agencies that AGC shared with members of the new Trump administration. The document, titled "Make Federal Agencies Responsible Again," calls for the repeal of dozens of unnecessary and overly burdensome executive orders, presidential memoranda and federal regulations that have made it difficult for construction contractors across the country

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to safely, efficiently and effectively build the nation's civil and social infrastructure. For the complete document, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Communications

New Jersey Construction Magazine -

Advertising and Member News Opportunities!

In February, we alerted all members to the opportunities coming in the Spring 2017 issue of *New Jersey Construction*, the official publication of ACCNJ, due out in June.

Safety

Work Zone Safety Conference – March 29!

In Bulletin 23-17, we announced the 18th Annual New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference on March 29 at the Conference Center at Mercer County Community College. As a member of the Work Zone Safety Partnership, we also provided information on the 2017 Work Zone Safety Excellence Awards. For information on the conference and awards, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ 2017 Safety Day – April 19!

In Bulletin 17-17, we officially announced the ACCNJ 2017 Safety Day, Wednesday, April 19. For the past few years, the Association has sponsored successful Safety Day events around the state to draw attention in a collective way to members' year-round safety efforts. Again in 2017, participating members will place a special, coordinated emphasis on safety in a variety of ways. To let us know of your participation and take advantage of suggestions for activities, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

OSHA Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction – May 8-12!

In Bulletin 26-17, we shared information on the National Construction Fall Safety Stand-Down, sponsored by OSHA and other federal agencies. Jointly they have designated May 8-12 as a week to engage in activities that promote awareness among employers and workers about fall hazards, still the number one cause of fatalities in construction. Contractors are asked to stop work at jobsites at prescribed times and conduct topic talks, demonstrations and training. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Hosts OSHA 30-Hour – May 22-25

As we announced in Bulletin 25-17, ACCNJ will host an OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course May 22-25, 2017, at the Association office in Edison. *Members who hired summer interns through the CIAP Scholarship Program may register those interns free-of-charge.* Access the registration form with the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Construction Safety Course Schedules

In Bulletin 24-17, we sent Active Members the March schedule of safety courses offered by the training centers affiliated with the general construction trades. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Industry News & Events

In Memoriam – Jamie Fox, Former NJ Transportation Commissioner

We share with you the sad news of the passing of Jamie Fox, who served as Commissioner of Transportation under Governors Jim McGreevey and Chris Christie. He had a long history of public service in the state, serving as Chief of Staff and/or senior advisor to Governors McGreevey, Florio, Codey and Corzine, as well as Senator Bob Torricelli. Fox was also a former Executive Director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. Born in Elizabeth and raised in Union Township, he was a lobbyist and founder of River Crossing Strategy Group in Trenton, and was well-liked and respected by Democrats and Republicans alike.

NJDOT Contractor Venture Forum – March 9

Active Members received an email announcement of the Contractor Venture Forum hosted by NJDOT's Division of Civil Rights & Affirmative Action on March 9, 2017, from 8 am to Noon, at the David J. Goldberg Transportation Complex in Trenton. The Forum will provide an opportunity for prime contractors to interact with construction subcontractors and other companies who wish to do business with NJDOT, learn about upcoming highway construction projects and build relationships with certified DBEs and SBEs. Access registration and event information under February Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Sisters in the Brotherhood Open House –

SAVE THE DATE!

Sisters in the Brotherhood, a five-year pilot program through the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, will once again open its doors to the community, faith-based organizations, and state and county representatives. Contractors signatory to the NRCC are invited. The Open House is scheduled for May 3,

2017, at 10:30 am at the Carpenters Training Center in Kenilworth. Note the date in your calendar and look for more information in the coming weeks!

AGC of America Launches New Advocacy Site

As we posted in Hot Topics this month, AGC of America has launched an advocacy site to easily find and communicate with state and federal officials, take action on legislative and regulatory alerts, and find out information on a variety of topics. Visit <http://advocacy.agc.org/>

Bulletin 14-17 details the advertising available, and Bulletin 20-17 invites news of member events, happenings and “giving back” activities. Access both bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

In February, we posted these Hot Topics at accnj.org:

- **AGC of America Launches New Advocacy Site**
- **Pinelands Commission Approves PennEast Pipeline**
- **Jamie Fox, Twice Transportation Commissioner, Dies at 62**
- **Route 206 Bypass Moves Closer to Completion**
- **Port Authority Capital Plan Includes Some Bus Terminal Funding**
- **Virtua Health Announces \$22 Million Expansion in Camden**
- **Materials and Labor Costs Rising Faster Than Project Prices**
- **Cherry Hill Advances Plans for Addiction Rehab Center**
- **Morristown Office Building to Get Major Renovation**
- **AC Land Auction Expands to Include Other Towns’ Land**
- **New York’s Labor Unions Maintain Highest Membership in US**
- **NYC Buildings Department Comes Out Against Union Apprenticeship Bill**
- **Metro Construction Employment Sluggish in December Year-Over-Year**
- **AC Plans New Public Housing**
- **AGC of America Asks for Action on Congressional DOT Funding**
- **Cleveland Ironworkers First to Approve Pension Cuts Under 2014 Law**

***ACCNJ Annual
Golf Tournament &
Dinner***

JUNE 19, 2017

TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

COLTS NECK, NEW JERSEY

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Space is limited!

additional details will be forthcoming

**CHAMPIONSHIP and
SHORT COURSE**

Afternoon Tee Off Only

Lunch, Dinner & Prizes Included