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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

November 2016

Labor News

Operating Engineers Temporary Layoff

In Bulletin 121-16, we reminded Active Members the Operating Engineers, Local No. 825's temporary layoff provision is suspended from December 1 through April 15 if an employer shuts down a project due to weather-related conditions. For complete details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Dockbuilders Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 123-16, we emailed to Active Members the wage & fringe benefits package for the Dockbuilders Local No. 1556, effective November 1, 2016. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Year-End Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 128-16, we sent Active Members a summary of how each trade recognizes the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ News

December Membership Meeting - *FINAL CHANCE to Register!*

If you haven't yet registered for the ACCNJ Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 6, *call us now!* The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 5:30 at the Clubhouse at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, followed by dinner and the program at 6:30. We look forward to seeing you there!

Construction Industry Career Day 2017 - *Save the Date!*

After many years on hiatus, Construction Industry Career Day will return to the calendar in 2017. Construction Industry Career Day had evolved into a two-day event that showcased the union construction industry as well as management and design opportunities in the field. It is a venue to introduce the benefits of construction to students, their parents, educators, the unemployed, underemployed, veterans returning to civilian life and the general public. *The event will be held May 30 & 31, 2017, at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison.* Because of the generous support of industry sponsors, there is no charge for attendees.

Dues Invoices and 2017 Calendar of Events Mailed

ACCNJ annual dues invoices, along with a 2017 Calendar of Events, were mailed to members November 1. We appreciate your continued support of the Association and participation in our activities, and look forward to seeing you throughout the new year!

Government Affairs

2016 General Election Results

In Bulletin 122-16, we emailed members with news of the results of the Presidential race and state Congressional races, plus three special elections for state Legislative seats. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Ballot Questions

Also in Bulletin 122-16, we reported the results of two statewide public questions on the New Jersey ballot. The first, which would have allowed casino gambling in two counties outside of Atlantic City, was defeated by a margin of 55%. The second public question asked New Jersey voters to decide whether to dedicate gas tax revenue to transportation projects. We had communicated frequently with members as Election Day approached, urging support for the critical issue, and were pleased to report Public Question #2 passed by a comfortable margin of 7%. Once again, we express our thanks to members for supporting the issue and getting the word out to your employees, family and friends.

School Construction Referenda Results

In Bulletin 127-116, we reported the results of the special school elections on November 8 in which New Jersey residents in six school districts were asked to vote on construction proposals. For the details on each district, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

USCIS Publishes Revised Form I-9

In Bulletin 126-16, we announced that the US Citizenship and Immigration Services has published a revised version of Form I-9, the Employment Eligibility Verification form. Beginning January 22, 2017, employers must use the revised form, dated 11/14/2016. For a list of the changes in the new form and a link to the USCIS I-9 Central page, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

Workplace Injuries and Illnesses Drop in 2015

In late October, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released its 2015 incidence rates for nonfatal occupational injury and illness, which followed a 13-year downward trend. The rate for construction declined slightly from 3.6 in 2014 to 3.5 (per 100 full-time equivalent workers), with specialty trades recording the highest rate at 3.7 and heavy construction the lowest at 2.8. Next month, BLS will issue fatality statistics.

Education & Workforce Development

REMINDER - Reserve Space at the Summer Internship Job Fair

In Bulletin 102-16, we introduced the 2017 Summer Internship Program, once again working within the CIAP structure to offer the program to all Active Members. We continue to pre-interview student applicants and will invite approximately 60 to participate in a mandatory Job Fair on January 11, 2017. Active Members are invited to set up company displays and interview students for summer selection. For details and to reserve space at the Job Fair, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Industry News & Events

NJ Alliance for Action Construction Forecast

As we reported in Bulletin 119-16, the New Jersey Alliance for Action released two-year public and private construction estimates totaling \$37 billion, a number that is expected to increase when the 2018 figures from NJDOT are determined. Private-sector estimates totaled nearly \$9.8 billion. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

AGC 2017 Business & Hiring Outlook

In Bulletin 125-16, we encouraged members to participate in AGC of America's latest survey to collect input for its annual Construction Hiring and Business Outlook. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. For the link, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- **October's Construction Employment Up in Two-Thirds of Metro Areas**
- **Federal Court Blocks Overtime Rule**
- **Camden to See More University Development on Broadway**
- **Report Studies Effect of Undocumented Construction Workers on GDP**

- **Port Authority Approves Gateway Oversight Entity**
- **NJDOT Launches NJPass for Trucks to Bypass Weigh Stations**
- **Better Roads Releases 2016 Bridge Inventory**
- **Kennedy Health to Build \$225 Million Tower and Parking Deck on Washington Township Campus**
- **Less Than Half the States Add Construction Jobs in October**
- **State Approves Five-Year Takeover of AC**
- **Camden County to Build New Social Services Center**
- **Wind Farm Auction Off New Jersey Coast in December**
- **Florence & Mansfield Share e-Commerce Development Goal**
- **CarePoint Health Plans Nine Satellite ER Center in Three Counties**
- **September Year-Over-Year, Construction Employment Rises in Two-Thirds of Metro Areas**

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