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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

October 2016

Labor News

Carpenters Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 104-16, we distributed to Active Members the wage & fringe benefits package for the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters and Eastern Millwright Regional Council, effective November 1, 2016. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Bricklayers Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 105-16, we emailed to Active Members the wage & fringe benefits package for the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Local Nos. 4 & 5, and Cement Masons & Plasterers, Local No. 5/2, effective November 1, 2016. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Teamsters Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletins 106-16, 107-16 and 108-16, we sent Active Members the wage & fringe benefits packages for the Teamsters, Locals 469, 408 and 560 respectively, effective November 1, 2016. Access the bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Building Laborers Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 112-16, we emailed Active Members the wage & fringe

benefits package for the Building & General Laborers, Local Nos. 3 & 77, effective November 1, 2016. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hazardous Waste Laborers Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 116-16, we distributed to Active Members the wage & fringe benefits package for the Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Waste Laborers, Local No. 78, effective November 1, 2016. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Dockbuilders & Other Agreements on Website

In Bulletin 111-16, we told Active Members a new agreement was reached with the Dockbuilders Local 1556, effective May 1, 2016, through April 30, 2019. The bulletin, that agreement and all other ACCNJ Collective Bargaining Agreements may be accessed in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Holiday Provisions for November Holidays

With three holidays in November, we emailed Active Members three separate bulletins summarizing how each trade recognizes each holiday. Bulletin 96-16 covered the provisions for Presidential Election Day, November 8, 2016. Bulletin 109-16 covered the provisions for Veterans' Day, November 11, 2016. And Bulletin 110-16 covered the provisions for Thanksgiving, November 24, 2016. Access all three bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Member News

In Memoriam - Louis Garlatti, Sr.

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the passing of Louis Garlatti, Sr., on Sunday, October 30, 2016. He was 87 years old. Lou Garlatti served as President of Albert Garlatti Construction Co., Inc., of Highland Park, a third-generation construction and development company celebrating 100 years in 2017. Lou was a Past President of the Building Contractors Association of New Jersey in 1989 and 1990. He served as Chairman of the Association's Industry Advancement Fund for many years, and also as a management trustee on various multi-employer funds, including the New Jersey Carpenters' Benefits Funds. Lou was active in civic and church organizations. He attended Rutgers University and served in the US Army during the Korean Conflict. Lou was a loving father, brother, grandfather, great-grandfather, mentor and hero to his family and friends. He will be forever remembered and respected by his colleagues and peers for his integrity and dedication to upholding quality construction and the standards of the industry.

Lou's son, Glenn Garlatti, currently serves on the ACCNJ Board of Trustees. Viewing hours are scheduled for 4-8 pm on Wednesday, November 2, at the Crabel Park West Funeral Chapel, 239 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick NJ 08901. A funeral service will be held at the Funeral Chapel on Thursday, November 3, at 9 am, followed by a funeral mass at 10 am at St. Mary of Mount Virgin Church, 190 Sandford Street, New Brunswick NJ 08901. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary of Mount Virgin Church. Our deepest condolences are extended to the Garlatti family at this difficult time.

In Memoriam - Herbert Vollers

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the passing of Herbert D. Vollers, father of ACCNJ Trustee Tom Vollers, on Thursday, October 20, 2016. He was 88 years old. Herb and his wife Nancy founded Vollers Excavating in Branchburg in 1949. He was very active in the community, serving as Civil Defense Director and Police Chief of Branchburg Township from 1950 to 1960. He also served as president of the Somerset County Mosquito Commission, director of the Somerset County Coalition on Affordable Housing, commissioner of the Somerset/Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority and in many, many other organizations, both civic and professional. Herb is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy, and four children, including Tom, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The funeral was held October 24 at the North Branch Reformed Church in Bridgewater, with burial in North Branch Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the North Branch Reformed Church, North Branch Volunteer Fire Department and the Branchburg Rescue Squad. Our deepest condolences are extended to the Vollers family at this difficult time.

Government Affairs

TTF Reauthorization & Gas Tax Bills Signed Into Law

In a series of bulletins during October, we kept members informed as, on October 5, New Jersey legislators amended (B-97-16) and then, on October 7, voted in favor of A-10/S-2412, a compromise package that includes broad-based tax cuts and an eight-year TTF reauthorization with \$2 billion in capital spending allocated per year through a 23-cent gas tax (B-99-16). That was followed a week later, on October 14, when Governor Christie issued EO #216, which paved the way for previously shut-down TTF projects to commence work (B-100-16), and subsequently signed the bills into law (B-101-16). In B-103-16 on October 18, we reported ACCNJ staff had been in direct communication with NJDOT leadership and were advised NJDOT had begun informing contractors who were impacted by the shutdown to resume work. Access all the bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Senate President Sweeney Says No to Governor Run

In Bulletin 98-16, we reported Senate President Steve Sweeney announced he will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 2017. Instead, he intends to run for re-election to the Senate in 2017 and will solicit support to remain as Senate President. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

OSHA Releases Latest Top 10 Safety Violations

In October, OSHA released its list of top 10 most frequently cited safety and health violations, as we told you in Bulletin 113-16. Not surprising, fall protection was the #1 cited violation. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported 4,821 jobsite fatalities in 2014 and nearly 3 million injuries and illnesses. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

OSHA Updates Guidelines for Safety and Health Practices

OSHA recently updated its Guidelines for Safety and Health Programs, originally released in 1986. We encourage members to review and update your safety programs. Visit <https://www.osha.gov/shpguidelines/index.html> to download the guidelines and find other resources and links.

Construction Safety Course Schedules

In Bulletin 115-16, we distributed to Active Members the November 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.

Education & Workforce Development

NRCC Foreman Training - November 30 - NEW DATE!

Please note the date change for the next class in the Foreman Training Program developed by the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters. The full-day program is now scheduled for *Wednesday, November 30*, at the Association offices in Edison. For details and to register, signatory contractors may email jschiff@accnj.org.

Summer Internship Program

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. The student applicants are scheduled for pre-interviews in November and December, and approximately 60 will be invited 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.

Middlesex County College Classes

As many of you know, through a partnership with MCC, ACCNJ offered free Microsoft classes in September and October to members' employees at no charge under a grant program. Excel and PowerPoint classes at various levels were delivered and very well-received. MCC has been approved for another grant and ACCNJ will be exploring the continuation of the partnership so we may be able to offer more programs in 2017.

Communications

ACCNJ Member Survey

In October, we again emailed members a link to the online ACCNJ Member Survey sent in September, seeking your input about our programs, services and communications, plus your business outlook for the coming months. We appreciate the generous response, which helps us evaluate our plans as we head into 2017. Look for our analysis of the results in the Chairman's Message in *New Jersey Construction*, due out in December.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Year-End Souvenir Journal - *Last Chance to Place an Ad!*

Deadline for ad material in our year-end Souvenir Journal is November 10! Some special placements are still available, so don't delay. Your support is a major source of revenue used to provide Association programs and services. The commemorative journal will be distributed at our December Membership Meeting and mailed to our labor partners. For details on how to support ACCNJ Political Action Committee or ACCNJ, access Bulletin 90-16 in the members-only section at accnj.org.

December Membership Meeting - *Register Now!*

In Bulletin 95-16, we invited all members to the next Membership Meeting at The Clubhouse at Galloping Hill, Kenilworth, on Tuesday, December 6. The evening begins with a cocktail hour at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and our program at 6:30 pm. To make a reservation, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Industry News & Events

NJ Structural Masonry Coalition Panel Discussion - November 17

ACCNJ will host a panel discussion presented by the NJ Structural Masonry Coalition on Thursday, November 17, from 8 to 10 am at the Association office in Edison. A collaboration of the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers of New Jersey, Masonry Contractors of New Jersey and the International Masonry Institute, the Coalition provides continuing education and technical services to those in the planning and construction industries concerning structural masonry. The panel will address efforts currently in place to support construction managers and general contractors for engineering with structural masonry; schedule advantages of masonry construction; why the masonry contractor scope should include the full wall system; and what devices are in place for greater collaboration before bid. There will be ample time for questions. *Pre-registration is required for this no-cost presentation.* Please let us know if you or others in your company would like to attend by emailing Leigh-Ann at lburgos@accnj.org.

Construction Law Program - Presentations Available

In Bulletin 114-16, we invited members to contact us for copies of the PowerPoint presentations from our "Construction Law for Construction Professionals" program on October 18. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- Mack-Cali Buys 47 Undeveloped Acres in Wall Township
- Construction Management Groups Sue NYC Over Crane Laws
- OSHA Proposes Revisions to Standards, Including Construction
- OSHA Delays Enforcement of Anti-Retaliation Provisions - Again
- ResinTech Gets \$138 Million in EDA Incentives to Relocate to Camden
- Port Authority Commits \$300 Million for Replacing Portal Bridge
- State Construction Employment Gains for Year, Slows for Month
- AGC of America Joins Alliance to Prevent Construction Worker Suicides
- Vineland to Build New Police Department Facility
- AGC of America and Other Groups Ask for Long-Term Funding in Presidential Candidates' Infrastructure Plans
- AGC of America Analyzes Economic Impact of Construction in New Jersey

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