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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# **MONTHLY UPDATE**

August 2017

## ***Labor***

### **Contract Expiration Dates**

In Bulletin 75-17, we emailed Active Members a list of updated Contract Expiration Dates.

### **Contract Summary**

In Bulletin 77-17, we distributed to Active Members an updated Contract Summary for the general construction trades. New information includes the merger of Ironworkers Local No. 68 and Local No. 350 with Local No. 399.

### **Labor Day Holiday Provisions**

In Bulletin 76-17, we sent Active Members an update of how each trade recognizes Labor Day, September 4, 2017.

**REMINDER: Bargaining Rights Authorization Forms Due**

Active Members received Bulletin 73-17 in July with the Bargaining Rights Authorization form for Heavy-Highway Laborers, Local Union Nos. 172 and 472, and Asphalt Laborers, Local No. 172. If you hire Laborers from these Local Unions, please complete and return the form stipulating whether you will assign your bargaining rights to ACCNJ. The deadline was September 1, 2017, so please respond as soon as possible.

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## ***Government Affairs***

### **Executive Order to Expedite Infrastructure Projects**

As we posted in Hot Topics in August, President Trump issued an Executive Order designed to streamline the approval process for federal infrastructure projects. Among other reforms, the EO requires a 90-day deadline for decisions on federal permits and a two-year goal for agencies to process environmental documentation. AGC of America reports “these reforms are consistent with recommendations AGC provided the administration for improving the federal environmental review and permitting process.” In addition, the EO repealed the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard, a request AGC had made previously. For more information on the EO, visit [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org).

### **Election Commission Announces Three Gubernatorial Debates**

Without specifying dates or locations, the Election Law Enforcement Commission selected sponsors for three gubernatorial debates this fall: Two between Democrat Phil Murphy and Republican Kim Guadagno, and one between their running mates for Lt. Governor, former Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver and Woodcliff Lake Mayor Carlos Rendo.

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## ***ACCNJ Upcoming Events***

### **TopGolf Event - *September 14***

All members are invited to an upcoming event at TopGolf in Edison. Join us on September 14, 2017, from 5-8 pm for a dinner buffet, open bar, and three hours of unlimited TopGolf. The event offers opportunities for team-building, networking, improving your golf swing, and supporting PAC or the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation.

TopGolf is a unique form of golf, where players hit microchipped balls to track each shot's accuracy and get points for hitting targets in the outfield. Access the flyer under June bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

Due to the popularity of the event, more spots have become available, so sign up now to be part of the evening. ACCNJ expresses thanks to our Event Sponsor, Peckar & Abramson, PC.

### ***NEW! Construction Law Program - October 5***

Just announced! The next program in ACCNJ's "Construction Law for Construction Professionals" series is now scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 8:30-Noon, at the Association Office in Edison.

The program features three speakers, all ACCNJ members:

- *The New Jersey Prompt Pay Act vs. Contractual "Pay When Paid" Provisions*, presented by Paul W. Norris, Esq., Stark & Stark.
- *Local Public Contracts Law—Standards and Exceptions and Bid Protest Processes*, presented by Jen Borek, Esq., Genova Burns, LLC.
- *2017 AIA 201 General Terms and Conditions*, presented by Charles Kenny, Esq., and Craig Landy, Esq., Peckar & Abramson, P.C.

There is no cost to attend the program, but registration is required. Access the registration form under September Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### ***ACCNJ Gala Dinner Dance - October 13***

ACCNJ requests your presence at the Gala Dinner Dance on Friday, October 13, 2017. There will be a cocktail reception at 6pm followed by dinner and dancing at The Palace at Somerset Park. Invitations were mailed in July.

### ***ACCNJ 2018 Winter Conference - January 31-February 3, 2018***

Join us for a four-day, three-night special program at The Reef by Cuisinart, Anguilla, an excellent opportunity for networking with other members and discussing key industry issues while relaxing at a beautiful resort. For more

information and to register, access the flyer under July bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***ACCNJ Member News***

### **ACCNJ Seeks Membership Directory Updates**

ACCNJ members were asked to submit updates to their current listing on the Association's online Membership Directory. If you have not yet responded to the email sent in August, please send your changes as soon as possible to Darlene Regina at [dregina@accnj.org](mailto:dregina@accnj.org).

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## ***Education & Workforce Development***

### **Diversity Conference - *September 28***

All members are invited to an upcoming Diversity Conference for Contractors. On Thursday, September 28, 2017, 8am-noon at the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center in Edison, attendees will have an opportunity to meet small, minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned and disadvantaged businesses to discuss opportunities for work with them in the future. To register for the event, access Bulletin 69-17 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Tuition Reimbursement Program - *REMINDER***

As you know, ACCNJ's Industry Advancement Trust has approved a Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ Active Member firms that contribute to the IAT. For complete information, access Bulletin 15-17 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Safety***

### **ACCNJ to Host OSHA Safety Council - *September 13***

OSHA invites members to the next meeting of the Northern New Jersey Field Federal Safety & Health Council, Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 9 am to Noon, at the ACCNJ Office in Edison. The meeting will include a featured speaker presenting Excavation Safety. All those interested in attending

should RSVP to Laura Kenny, OSHA Labor Liaison for Region II, at [kenny.laura@dol.gov](mailto:kenny.laura@dol.gov).

### ***REMINDER!***

#### **OSHA Silica Enforcement Begins September 23**

Enforcement of the final OSHA rule on Occupational Exposure to Crystalline Silica in Construction (29 CFR 1926.1153), which became effective in June of last year, will begin on September 23, 2017. For compliance guidance, visit [www.osha.gov/silica](http://www.osha.gov/silica).

#### **ACCNJ Safety Council Debuts in October**

In Bulletin 74-17, we announced to Active Members the creation of the ACCNJ Safety Council. The Council will serve as a networking and information exchange opportunity as well as contain an educational element. The first meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2017. For more information and to register, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

#### **OSHA 30-Hour Safety Course - *Save the Dates!***

On November 7, 14, 21 & 28 (consecutive Tuesdays), ACCNJ will host an OSHA 30-Hour Construction Health & Safety Course at the Association Office in Edison. The course will cover OSHA policies, procedures and standards, as well as construction safety and health principles. Topics include scope and application of the OSHA construction standards, with special emphasis on the areas that are most hazardous. Detailed information and registration forms will be emailed in early September.

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## ***Hot Topics Recap***

In August, we posted these Hot Topics at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org):

- PSE&G to Build \$275 Million Substation
- PSE&G to Hire 3,000 Workers for Gas Pipeline Project
- Newark to Get Apartments at Site of Defunct Baseball Stadium
- New Apartment Building with Parking Garage Coming to Bloomfield
- Mixed-Use Projects Define Hackensack Redevelopment Plans
- New Chair and ED at Port Authority
- AC's Bader Field Up for Sale—Again
- Metro Construction Employment Increases for the Year Despite Hiring Difficulties

- Portal Bridge Project Passes Environmental Impact Test
- Cascades Inc. Announces Plant Investment in Piscataway
- Montclair to Undergo Large Redevelopment Project
- Downtown Jersey City Will Gain Another New Development
- Final Approvals Received to Demolish Centerton Road Bridge
- NJ EDA Headquarters Renamed to Honor Caren Franzini
- Morristown to Expand Even More with New Proposal
- More Construction Could Be Coming to the Meadowlands
- Government Infrastructure Spending at Lowest Level Ever
- Three Pharmas May Receive NJ EDA Incentives
- Route 206 Bypass Through Hillsborough Soon to Go Out for Bid
- College Construction Majors Leap 26.4%
- Wildwood Boardwalk Replacement Plans Underway
- Skyway in Atlantic City Approved
- President Issues EO to Streamline Federal Construction Permitting
- Construction Jobs Grow State-by-State for Year, Slow for Month
- More Plans for Mixed-Use Development in Jersey City
- Update on Virtua's Now-Approved Westampton Hospital

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