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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

October 2017

Labor

Teamster Wage Rates

In Bulletin 93-17, we emailed to Active Members the wage and fringe benefits package for Teamsters Locals 408, 469 and 560, effective November 1, 2017. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Building Laborers Wage Rates

In Bulletin 95-17, we emailed to Active Members the wage and fringe benefits package for the Building & General Laborers, Local Nos. 3 & 77, effective November 1, 2017. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Carpenter Wage Rates

In Bulletin 96-17, we emailed to Active Members the wage and fringe benefits packages for the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters and

Eastern Millwright Regional Council, effective November 1, 2017. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Heavy-Highway Laborers Bargaining Rights – *Final Reminder*

As you know, the Construction & General Laborers Local Nos. 172 & 472 and Asphalt Laborers Local No. 172 Collective Bargaining Agreements expire on February 28, 2018. Negotiations have begun. If you hire Heavy-Highway Laborers from Local Union Nos. 172 or 472, and have not yet returned your Bargaining Rights Authorization Form, please send it to us as soon as possible. Find the form attached to Bulletin 73-17, sent in July, in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Holiday Provisions – Election Day & Veterans’ Day

In Bulletin 94-17, we distributed to Active Members the holiday provisions for the trades on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

In Bulletin 97-17, we distributed to Active Members the holiday provisions for the trades on Veterans’ Day, Saturday, November 11, 2017. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

OSHA Begins Full Silica Enforcement

Via email, we reminded members that OSHA began full enforcement of its Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction Standard on October 23, 2017. The email included a statement from AGC of America CEO Steve Sandherr, along with a “Silica Story.” In addition, AGC sent members information detailing AGC’s legal efforts to counter the regulation and the education materials AGC has assembled to assist with compliance. The Sandherr letter and Silica Story may be found under October Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Also, visit OSHA’s newly consolidated silica page:
<https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/>

OSHA Announces Top 10 Violations

In late September, OSHA announced the preliminary list of 10 standards most frequently cited during FY2017. As it has for seven years, Fall Protection made the top of the list, followed by Hazard Communication, Scaffolding, Respiratory Protection, Lockout/Tagout, Ladders, Powered Industrial Trucks, Machine Guarding, Fall Protection Training Requirements (the only new addition to the list) and Electrical Wiring Methods.

ACCNJ to Host OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course – *Last Chance!*

Register today for the ACCNJ-hosted OSHA 30-Hour Construction Health & Safety Course on November 7, 14, 21 & 28 (consecutive Tuesdays) 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. Access Bulletin 78-17 in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Construction Safety Courses

For those interested in registering craftworkers for safety courses offered by the general building trades at their training centers, please contact the Association office.

ACCNJ Upcoming Events

Annual Membership Meeting - *December 5!*

In Bulletins 80-17 and 90-17, we invited members to attend the Membership Meeting on December 5, 2017, at The Clubhouse at Galloping Hill in Kenilworth as we recognize our outgoing Chair, Al Daloisio Jr., for his dedication and commitment to ACCNJ and the industry.

We will also offer a Basket Raffle to support the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation and encourage members to contribute items or donations. *Please note your commitment for donations must be received by November 15! See Bulletin 80-17 for details.*

And you'll enjoy the entertainment: *Carmen Ciricillo - The Construction Comic!* For all the details, to register and to donate, access the bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Thank You for Supporting October Events!

The Association offered a full calendar of events in October, and we extend our thanks to the membership for your tremendous support!

Construction Law for Construction Professionals

Our latest Legal Day on October 5 featured presentations from Paul W. Norris, Esq., of Stark & Stark; Jen Borek, Esq., of Genova Burns, LLC; and Charles Kenny, Esq., and Craig Landy, Esq., of Peckar & Abramson, P.C. Those who attended received copies of the PowerPoint presentations. *If you would like copies, please contact the Association office.*

ACCNJ Gala Dinner Dance

We sold all tickets for the Gala Dinner Dance on October 13 at The Palace at Somerset Park! Members and guests enjoyed a cocktail hour, dinner and an evening of dancing. We particularly express our thanks for the many sponsorships we received and the advertisements in the Souvenir Journal.

Safety Council Inaugural Meeting

On October 20, we were pleased to welcome members to the inaugural ACCNJ Safety Council meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edison. During the meeting, we heard from Dr. Jeffrey Altholz, Chief Medical Examiner for Clarity Testing Services, who presented “Workplace Substance Abuse and Drug Testing: 2017 Update and Best Practice—what construction professionals need to know about the opiate epidemic, medical marijuana and more.” *Next meeting of the ACCNJ Safety Council is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2018.*

Middlesex County College Project Management Course

For three hours a night, two nights a week throughout October, more than a dozen member employees have participated in the Project Management Certificate Course hosted by ACCNJ and offered free-of-charge in partnership with Middlesex County College in Edison. The course runs through November 8, 2017.

Education & Workforce Development

Summer Internship Program - *Update*

In Bulletin 91-17, we updated Active Members on the summer internship program offered through CIAP. We noted a CIAP video that provides insight into the program from the employers' and interns' perspectives.

Once again, approximately 60 students will be selected to attend a mandatory Job Fair on January 10, 2018, at the Pines Manor, Edison. If you wish to participate in the Job Fair and an opportunity to meet one-on-one with prospective interns, use the registration form attached to the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NRCC Foreman Training Program - *November 29!*

In Bulletin 81-17, we invited ACCNJ contractors signatory to the Agreement with the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters to provide participants for the next Foreman Training class on November 29 at the Association office in Edison. This eight-hour course provides professional education from which a contractor's key employees will gain an enhanced ability and confidence in their role as Foreman. ***Registration deadline is November 15, 2017.*** Access the bulletin for details in the members-only section at 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.

Industry Issues

Changes in 2017 AIA 201 General Terms & Conditions

In Bulletin 92-17, we emailed members commentary from AGC of America and ACCNJ member Peckar & Abramson on the changes to the 2017 AIA 201 Terms & Conditions, released in April. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- Stockton Students Could Get Bayfront Housing in AC
 - AC Property Auction Brings In More Than \$1.1 Million
 - Middle Township Plans Economic Rehab and Redevelopment
 - Gloucester County to Replace Almonesson Lake Bridge and Dam
 - Cape May Bridge Work Could Include Big Projects
 - PSE&G Announces Three New Transmission Projects for Three Counties
 - Paterson Pita Plant Offered \$30 Million in Tax Credits
 - States Add Construction Jobs But Numbers Likely Affected by Hurricanes
 - AGC of America Partners with EPA on Rules Review
 - More Mixed-Use Planned for Aetna Street in Jersey City
 - Federal DOT Ends Local Hire Rule
 - Affordable and Senior Housing Proposed for Jersey City
 - Funding Secured for Newark Public Schools Headquarters
 - Upgrades Planned for Bergen Regional Medical Center
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