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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

September 2016

Labor News

Bargaining Rights Authorization Forms

In Bulletins 91-16, 92-16 and 93-16, we sent Active Members the Bargaining Rights Authorization Forms for the Operating Engineers, Local No. 825, Ironworkers Local No. 350 and Dockbuilders Local No. 179 respectively. ACCNJ will represent members in negotiating new agreements for these three unions as the current agreements approach their expiration dates. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Industry Issues

Underground Economy Study

In Bulletin 85-16, we announced the Association, along with the Carpenter Contractor Trust, the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Labor Management Committee, and the Masonry Contractors Association of New Jersey, has commissioned a study on The Underground Construction Economy in New Jersey. The organizations contracted the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at Stockton University to conduct the research. The bulletin covers three key findings, and members can read more about the study in the Fall 2016 issue of *New Jersey Construction* magazine, due out in December. Access the bulletin and the Key Findings and Executive Summary in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Government Affairs

TTF Solution Announced

As we told you in Bulletin 94-16, late in the day on Friday Governor Christie, Senate President Sweeney and Speaker Prieto revealed a compromise plan to reauthorize the TTF for eight years, allocating \$2 billion per year through a 23-cent gas tax. The plan provides tax relief for a broad base of New Jersey residents, including a fast-tracked phase-out of the New Jersey estate tax by 2018. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Acting Commissioner of Labor Appointed

On September 23, Governor Christie appointed Aaron Fichtner as Acting Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, with plans to formally nominate Dr. Fichtner to succeed Commissioner Hal Wirths. Dr. Fichtner joined NJ DOL in 2010 and had served as Deputy Commissioner since 2012. He earned his PhD in Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, his Master's in City Planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology and his Bachelor's in history from Vassar College. Before coming to NJ DOL, Dr. Fichtner was Director of Research and Evaluation at the Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers.

Safety

OSHA 30-Hour Course - November 1, 15, 22 & 29

As we told members in Bulletin 89-16, ACCNJ will host an OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course November 1, 15, 22 & 29 (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. Members are asked to return the completed registration form as soon as possible to secure a seat in the course, as space is limited. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Education & Workforce Development

Free Corporate Training and Education Classes

In September, ACCNJ hosted its first group of classes in partnership with Middlesex County College. More than 50 students from member firms attended EXCEL Levels I and II, and PowerPoint Levels I and II. The EXCEL Level III class is scheduled for early October. Based on the positive response, we will schedule more classes for 2017. Check accnj.org for upcoming classes.

NRCC Foreman Training - November 2

Because of the success of the pilot program in February, we invited signatory contractors to register for the next class in the Foreman Training Program developed by the Northeast Regional Council of Contractors. The full-day program is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, at the Association offices in Edison. For details, signatory contractors may access Bulletin 86-16 in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Communications

Spam Emails Lead to Increased Password Protection on ACCNJ Website

ACCNJ alerted members via email in September that a proliferation of spam emails has forced us to make our Membership Directory page password-protected. The "Members-Only" pages, which contain labor information and other proprietary content for Active and Associate Members, have been password-protected since we launched the ACCNJ website. But until now, the Membership Directory was available to the public. We regret the necessity, but trust the action will protect our members against spam caused by unscrupulous users lifting email contacts from the website. Members

received the password to the Membership Directory via email and may contact the Association with questions and concerns.

New Jersey Construction Magazine - Call for Awarding-Winning Projects

In Bulletin 88-16, we asked for information on our members' award-winning projects, to be featured in the upcoming issue of *New Jersey Construction*. We urge you to email us (dteall@accnj.org) a one- or two-paragraph description of the project, including the award it received, along with a digital photo in JPEG or PDF format. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org. *Deadline has been extended to October 10, 2016.*

New Jersey Construction Magazine - Call for Member News

In Bulletin 87-16, we requested in-house news from our members on awards, projects, people and events important to your firm, along with "Giving Back" activities that demonstrate your commitment to community. We also welcome digital photos (JPEG or PDF). For forms to use for submittal, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org. *Deadline has been extended to October 10, 2016.*

New Jersey Construction Magazine - Last Chance for Ad Opportunity!

In Bulletin 84-16, we invited members to support the magazine and display your company's strengths by purchasing an ad in the Fall 2016 issue. If you have not yet taken advantage of this opportunity, don't delay - ads are due the first week in October! For specs, rates and a contract, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Member Survey

Early in September, we emailed members a link to an online ACCNJ Member Survey in which we seek your input about our programs, services and communications, plus your business outlook for the coming months. We encourage you to complete the survey so we can evaluate our plans as we head into 2017. It should take less than 8 minutes to complete. For a link to the survey, email dteall@accnj.org.

Upcoming Programs & Events

Year-End Souvenir Journal - Support Your Association!

In Bulletin 90-16, we invited members to show your support of the Association by taking an ad in our year-end Souvenir Journal. Your support is a major source of revenue used to provide programs and services. The commemorative journal will be distributed at our December Membership Meeting (Tuesday, December 6) and mailed to our labor partners. For details on how to support ACCNJ Political Action Committee or ACCNJ, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

"Construction Law for Construction Professionals" - October 18

Reserve your seat today for ACCNJ's next legal program, featuring six presentations by ACCNJ member legal firms on these topics: Asset Protection, Pay-to-Play Laws, Drone Use in Construction, Liquidated Damages, Differing Site Conditions and an Affordable Care Act Update. While there is no cost to attend, registration is required. Access the flyer in September Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

December Membership Meeting - Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 6, and look for registration information in your email in early October for the next Membership Meeting at The Clubhouse at Galloping Hill, Kenilworth.

Industry News & Events

Deep Foundation Institute Conference

The Deep Foundation Institute sponsors its 41st Annual Conference on Deep Foundations, Seepage Control; and Remediation at the New York Marriott Marquis, October 12-15, and ACCNJ is participating as a Cooperating Organization. Incorporated in 1976 in New Jersey, DFI is an international non-profit association of contractors, engineers, suppliers, academics and owners in the deep foundations industry. The conference offers a wealth of information, networking opportunities and exhibitor space. To register, visit <http://www.dfi.org/dfieventlp.asp?13260>.

AGC of America 2016 Alliant Build America Awards - Last Month for Entries

In Bulletin 71-16, we told Active Members AGC's annual Alliant Build American Awards program is open for entries. *Deadline is October 26!* The

program honors AGC members who build impressive projects in the US. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- **Bill Could Allow Municipalities to Restart and Receive Compensation for TTF Projects**
- **August Construction Employment Up in 61% of Metros Over Last Year**
- **PennDOT Rolls Out Mobile App for Construction**
- **NJPAC Development Funding in Place After a Decade**
- **States Add Construction Jobs for the Year, But Monthly Growth Slows**
- **Rocky Hill Bridge Project to be Funded by Somerset County**
- **UPDATE: American Dream to Offer SpongeBob and Ninja Turtle**
- **July Private Construction Spending Up from Last Year, Public Spending Sluggish**

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