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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

September 2017

Labor

Operating Engineers Agreement Available

In Bulletin 86-17, we announced to Active Members that the Operating Engineers, Local 825 Heavy/Highway Agreement is now available in the members-only section at accnj.org. A hard copy is also available by request.

Safety

OSHA Issues Memo on Silica Enforcement

In Bulletin 87-17, we informed members of OSHA's enforcement plan for the first 30 days of the Respirable Crystalline Silica in Construction Standard. Enforcement went into effect September 23. Per an OSHA memorandum, the agency will follow three steps during the first month, evaluating employers' "good faith" efforts, providing compliance assistance and offering help in implementing controls in the standard's Table 1 directives. For further

guidance, members are encouraged to visit <https://www.osha.gov/silica/index.html>.

ACCNJ to Host OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course

As we announced in Bulletin 78-17, ACCNJ will host the 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. Detailed information and registration forms are attached to the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Safety Council Debuts in October

In Bulletin 74-17, we announced the creation of the ACCNJ Safety Council. The first meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2017. As part of the agenda, we will have an educational component. We are pleased to announce Dr. Jeffrey Altholz, Chief Medical Examiner for Clarity Testing Services, will present “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.” For more information and to register, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Upcoming Events

Construction Law Program - October 5 *Last chance to register!*

The next program in ACCNJ’s “Construction Law for Construction Professionals” series is 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. ***If you have not yet registered, don't delay!*** Access the registration form under September Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Gala Dinner Dance - October 13 - SOLD OUT!

Although we have sold all tickets for the Gala Dinner Dance on October 13, *we still have sponsorship opportunities*. Please contact the Association office for details on promoting your firm as a sponsor.

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. 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.

Association News

BCA of Atlantic County to Merge into ACCNJ

As we announced in Bulletin 89-17, BCA of Atlantic County members unanimously voted on September 26, 2017, to merge into ACCNJ, effective January 1, 2018.

Because of the challenges Atlantic City has faced during the past decade, leadership of both Associations determined that the combined strength of the organizations will position us to ensure continued opportunities for construction work and an environment that favors fair and professional business practices.

We warmly welcome BCA of Atlantic County members into ACCNJ.

ACCNJ 2018 Winter Conference - *Postponed Until 2019*

We regret cancellation of our Winter Conference in Anguilla, and our hearts go out to all those affected by the powerful hurricanes that wreaked havoc there and throughout the Caribbean. We are currently researching a date and location for Winter 2019.

AGC of America 2018 Build America Awards

In Bulletin 85-17, we announced the annual AGC Building America Awards competition, honoring AGC of America member firms that build impressive projects in the US. The competition is open for entries until October 25, 2017. Awards will be presented at AGC's 99th Annual Convention, February 26-28, 2018, in Las Vegas. For more information and to submit entries, visit www.agc.org.

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.

Education & Workforce Development

Diversity Conference Results in Successful Outreach

On September 28, more than 150 members and guests attended the ACCNJ-hosted Diversity Conference for Contractors at the New Jersey Convention and Expo Center in Edison. Attendees heard from panelists representing NJDOT, SDA, NJ Transit, NJ Turnpike Authority, DPMC and the Port Authority of NY/NJ, who outlined capital construction plans and explained the pre-qualification processes for small, disadvantaged and women-owned businesses. ACCNJ general contractors then met one-on-one with the businesses to discuss opportunities for work.

Summer Internship Program - *Online Application Open!*

In Bulletin 84-17, we were pleased to announce to Active Members that the online application for students is now open for the summer internship program offered through CIAP. We work with educators at four-year and

community colleges in the region to promote the internship opportunity, and encourage Active Members to share the information with any students who would be interested in applying. For program guidelines, access 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.

Government Affairs

Special School Construction Referendum Results

In Bulletin 88-17, we emailed the results of the special school construction referenda on September 26. Of the 15 school districts that proposed more than \$320 million in projects, nine approved them, for a total of approximately \$185 million. For detailed results, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Communications

New Jersey Construction Magazine, Fall 2017

As Association staff prepares for the Fall 2017 issue of *New Jersey Construction* magazine, due out in December, we issued three bulletins seeking member support:

- Bulletin 79-17 announced advertising opportunities
- Bulletin 82-17 sought information on award-winning projects
- Bulletin 83-17 asked for Member News and Giving Back activities

Deadline for all submissions is October 10, 2017. Access the bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- **Metro Construction Employment Better Than State Numbers**
 - **State Construction Employment Not Growing as Fast as Demand**
 - **Hackensack Approves Redevelopment of Route 4 Office Complex**
 - **State Grants \$7.1 Million to Turn Perth Amboy Brownfield into Park**
 - **Construction's Multiemployer Pension Plans Mostly in Green Zone**
 - **Hurricane Harvey Could Boost Steel Prices and Other Construction Materials**
 - **OSHA Posts Extension of Compliance Date for Crane Operator Certification**
 - **AC's Gardner's Basin Redevelopment Agreement Approved**
 - **\$250 Million in Improvements to NJ Highway Rest Areas**
 - **AC's Bader Field Proposals Go from Two to Four**
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