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ACCNJ Establishes Alliance with OSHA to Strengthen Commitment to Workplace Safety



Pictured left to right: Jack Kocsis, ACCNJ CEO, and Richard Mendelson, Regional Administrator, OSHA Region II.

Edison, NJ — The [Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey](https://www.accnj.org/) (ACCNJ) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Region II office signed a [two-year agreement](#) for an Alliance on Thursday, September 11, aimed at setting a gold standard for safety in the construction industry. This Alliance is the latest in a series of collaborations between ACCNJ and OSHA, dating back to [2014](#).

“In over a decade of partnership, ACCNJ and OSHA have raised the bar in terms of industry safety,” said **Jack Kocsis**, ACCNJ CEO. “We look forward to continuing this collaboration

through increased member resources, as well as coordinated on-the-ground events including ACCNJ Safety Day and OSHA's Stand Down to Prevent Falls in Construction."

ACCNJ and OSHA both share like-minded fundamental goals of curtailing injury, illness, and hazard in the workplace. To achieve these goals, the partnership will focus on education and prevention. The Alliance will provide information, resources, and guidance to industry employers, construction workers, and the public to prevent and minimize exposure to hazards on construction sites.

Specific objectives outlined through the Alliance include:

- Sharing information on OSHA's National Initiatives;
- Sharing information on occupational safety and health laws and standards, including the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers;
- Convening or participating in forums regarding recognized construction hazards to help forge innovative solutions in the workplace or to provide input on safety and health issues;
- Promoting Youth Worker Safety through joint participation in Construction Industry Career Day;
- Promoting awareness of worker mental health challenges and available resources; and
- Providing resources for effective training and leveraging relationships with ACCNJ-based organized building trade unions and councils to encourage worker participation in training.

"We are proud of our efforts to date promoting safety training and accountability for protecting workers. This is a significant moment as we advance our partnership with OSHA and reaffirm our longstanding commitment to ensure every worker goes home safe to their families and loved ones at the end of every day," **added Kocsis.**

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ABOUT ACCNJ

ACCNJ represents union general building contractors, construction managers, and heavy, highway, site development and utility contractors in New Jersey. Members are responsible for billions of dollars in commercial, industrial, heavy, highway, utility and institutional construction projects annually and employ tens of thousands of skilled union craftworkers statewide. The Association is committed to raising the standards of construction in New Jersey through quality, integrity, skill and responsibility. To learn more about ACCNJ or becoming a member, visit accnj.org.