



RAISING THE STANDARDS IN CONSTRUCTION

MONTHLY UPDATE

August 2026

In Case you Missed It...



ACCNJ staff were proud to attend the Carpenters' Apprenticeship Ready Program (CARP) graduation ceremony on August 6, 2026, at the Eastern Atlantic States Carpenters Technical Center.

This year's 35 graduates completed hands-on training in jobsite safety, construction skills, workplace readiness and more, and are now transitioning directly into registered carpenter apprenticeships.

CARP demonstrates the power of schools, unions and industry working together to create clear pathways to high-wage careers in the skilled trades. We're proud to celebrate these future union carpenters as they take the next step in their careers!



Labor

Access the bulletins listed below in your Info Hub at accnj.org.

Bargaining Rights Authorization Form - Laborers Local Nos. 172 and 472

In Bulletin 54-2026, we informed Active Members the collective bargaining agreement between the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey and the Heavy and General Laborers, Local Nos. 172 and 472, and Asphalt Laborers Local No. 172 expire on February 28, 2027. Access the bulletin for further details with regard to your bargaining rights assignment to ACCNJ.

Labor Day Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 53-2026, we distributed to Signatory Members the holiday provisions for Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 2026.

Updated Contract Summary

In Bulletin 56-2026, we provided Signatory Members with an updated Contract Summary, which contains the most commonly referred to work rules from the various general construction trades' collective bargaining agreements.

Legal & Insurance Affairs

ALERT: Corporate Transparency Act Requirements Rolled Back

In an [Email Alert](#) issued August 26, 2026, ACCNJ provided members with an update regarding the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA): Effective August 14, 2026, companies created in the United States and U.S. persons are no longer required to report beneficial ownership information to FinCEN under the agency's CTA regulations. Access the [Email Alert](#) for more information.

Safety

October Safety Council Meeting

In Bulletin 55-2026, we announced ACCNJ's next Safety Council Meeting will take place October 9, 2026, at the ACCNJ Office, Edison, NJ at 11:30am. This is a great opportunity for our safety community to exchange ideas, meet up with old friends and connect with new industry safety professionals.

Bob Sagendorf of Eii, Inc. will lead us in an interactive presentation, "Don't Get BURNED! Fire Emergencies on the Construction Jobsite... When Every Second Counts." Access the bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more information and visit the [event page](#) to register.

Education & Workforce Development

REMINDER: Strategic Pipeline for Engineering and Construction

As a reminder, in Bulletin 50-2026, ACCNJ announced the Strategic Pipeline for Engineering and Construction (SPEC) initiative. SPEC represents a transformative shift in how New Jersey prepares its youth for the modern workforce. In the high-stakes environment of New Jersey's labor market, the concept of "building to spec" is not merely a technical requirement but a professional standard that SPEC adopts as its foundational philosophy. To learn more about the initiative and opportunities to partner with SPEC, access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org.

REMINDER: ACCNJ Educational Series: Mental Health First Aid Workshop

As a reminder, ACCNJ will be hosting a Mental Health First Workshop on September 16, 2026, from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM at the ACCNJ offices in Edison. This evidence-based training equips participants with the knowledge and confidence to recognize the signs of mental health challenges, respond to crisis and non-crisis situations using the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (ALGEE), and encourage individuals to seek appropriate professional support. The course also covers the role of a Mental Health First Aider, recognizing early warning signs, and developing self-care strategies. Visit the [event page](#) for more information and to register.

Tuition Reimbursement Program

As a reminder, in Bulletin 05-2026, we informed Active Members the ACCNJ Industry Advancement Trust (IAT) has approved the continuation of the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. The courses selected must be aimed at providing job-related knowledge and skills for construction personnel in either office or field operations. For details, access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org.

Events

LAST CALL! ACCNJ 2026 Fall Convention

Have you registered for ACCNJ's Fall Convention yet? Join us from September 9-11, 2026, at Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ for a jam-packed schedule of events and networking opportunities. Visit the [event page](#) to view the full agenda and to register.

REMINDER: ACCNJ Fall Golf Outing

As a reminder, registration is open for ACCNJ's Fall Golf Outing taking place Monday, October 5, 2026, at Vineyard National at Renault in Egg Harbor City, NJ. Visit the [event page](#) for a schedule of the day and to reserve your spot. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

ACCNJ Presents: Wine & Whiskey

ACCNJ will be hosting Wine & Whiskey on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, from 6-9 PM. Registration includes a four-course menu with wine and whiskey pairings at The Feathered Fox in Jersey City, NJ. Visit the [event page](#) for more information and to register.

Member News

Let It Grow Benefit Concert

ACCNJ member Let It Grow, Inc. will be hosting a tribute concert benefitting the Philip Morgan Foundation, New Jersey State Organization of Cystic Fibrosis, and Hackensack Meridian Health - ALS & MS Centers on September 12, 2026, starting at 2 PM. For more information about how to register and sponsorship opportunities, visit letitgrowgiving.org.

Zentek Consultants: Bluebeam Max

ACCNJ member Zentek Consultants will be hosting a Tech Talk for Bluebeam users on Wednesday, September 16, at 2:30 PM. The session will cover the top five Bluebeam features you should be implementing, plus live Q&A with their technical specialists. Space is limited. To secure your spot and learn more, visit the [registration page](#).

In addition, ZenTek is also offering an online course, "Bluebeam Max Unlocked," for ACCNJ Active Members. This program is delivered in two, 2-hour online sessions September 24 and October 1 from 10 AM - 12 PM. Whether you're evaluating Bluebeam Max for the first time or already have access and want to understand how to use its new features effectively, this course provides a practical, hands-on introduction. Visit [Zentek's website](#) to register.

August Member Mondays

ACCNJ features members on our [Facebook](#) page and [LinkedIn](#) on Mondays. Check out last month's Member Mondays, featuring [Northfield Construction Corp.](#) and [Summit Funding Group](#).

Hot Topics

Follow along with ACCNJ's [Facebook](#) page and [LinkedIn](#) page for real-time Hot Topics. August Hot Topics included:

- Construction Employment Increases in 36 States and D.C. from July 2025 to July 2026; 28 States Add Jobs from June to July as Association Warns More Jobs Are at Risk
- Construction Input Costs Climb 7.1 Percent between July 2025 and July 2026 as Impacts From War and Tariffs Spread Beyond Petroleum and Metals
- Construction Spending Falls 3.2 Percent Annually in June; Contractors Urge Officials to Avoid Policies That Could Further Weaken Demand

Employment Opportunities

ACCNJ Member Seeking Project Engineer

An ACCNJ GC/CM member is seeking a Project Engineer to support construction projects from preconstruction through closeout. The position coordinates with project teams, subcontractors, vendors, design professionals, and owners to manage documentation, RFIs, submittals, procurement, change orders, scheduling, costs, billing, and closeout activities. Candidates should have strong organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills, familiarity with construction drawings and specifications, and proficiency in Microsoft Office. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. For more information on this position or if you know someone who would be interested in submitting their resume, please contact nthurston@accnj.org.

Resume Available

ACCNJ has obtained the following resume from an individual in search of employment:

Civil/Structural Engineer with several years of experience in bridge and infrastructure projects. Experienced in construction management, design coordination, plan and shop drawing reviews, bridge repairs, field data collection, project documentation, and coordination with contractors and consulting engineers. Background includes NJDOT and New Jersey Turnpike Authority projects. OSHA 30 certified with proficiency in MicroStation, AutoCAD Civil 3D, ProjectWise, STAAD, RISA3D, Bluebeam, and Microsoft Office.

For a copy of this resume, please contact nthurston@accnj.org.

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