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MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2026

In Case you Missed It...



Pictured above: Former interns of CIAP of NJ return to the Annual Career Fair on the other side of the table as employers looking to hire.



CIAP of New Jersey held its Annual Career Fair at Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Twp., NJ on January 7, 2026.

More than 90 students eligible for employment met with 43 potential employers and we are thrilled to share that many students have already accepted offers.

A huge thank you to everyone involved and for making this event a success!



Association News

Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting

As you know, the 2025 Annual Membership Meeting was held Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at the Bridgewater Manor, Bridgewater, NJ. In Bulletin 01-2026, we provided members with a copy of the minutes from the meeting. The 2026 slate of officers and members of the Board of Trustees approved at the Annual Meeting was included as well. Access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more details.

Labor

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

Presidents' Day Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 09-2026, we provided Signatory Members with holiday provisions for Presidents' Day, Monday, February 16, 2026.

Legal & Insurance Affairs

Dirty Dirt Overview

In Bulletin 10-2026, we notified members that former Governor Phil Murphy signed into law an amendment to New Jersey's Dirty Dirt Law. Access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more information.

ALERT: NJDOT: Request for DBE Personal Narrative

In an [Email Alert](#) issued January 16, 2026, ACCNJ reminded members the U.S. Department of Transportation introduced major changes to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. With a reevaluation requirement under the updated rules, the NJDOT issued a [LETTER](#) providing guidance on the reevaluation process. Access the [Email Alert](#) for more information.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Awards Program

In Bulletin 03-2026, we informed Active Members ACCNJ will once again sponsor a "Safety Awards Program" to recognize members for their safety excellence. It is a non-competitive, recognition driven award. Access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more details and application information.

AGC of America Safety Awards Program

In Bulletin 04-2026, we notified Active Members of the National AGC of America Safety Awards Program (NASA). We distributed the program description, frequently asked

questions, and instructions for entry. Access the Bulletin and all NASA information in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more details and application information.

ACCNJ-OSHA Alliance Implementation

In Bulletin 06-2026, we shared a plan of implementation with members the for ACCNJ-OSHA Alliance. Access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more details, including information about how members can be directly involved.

Education & Workforce Development

Tuition Reimbursement Program

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.

REMINDER: Plan Reading Course

As a reminder, in Bulletin 72-2025, we invited members to register for our Plan Reading Course. The introduction will take place Wednesday, February 18, 2026, after which participants can choose to continue with Civil Plan Reading, Building Plan Reading, or both. Access the bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more information and visit the [event page](#) to register.

Educational Workshop Series: Communication

In Bulletin 08-2026, we announced the next topic in our Educational Workshop Series covering Communication Skills. The workshop will take place March 13, 2026, 8:30am, at the Association Offices in Edison. Visit the [event page](#) to register and access the Bulletin in your Info Hub for more details at accnj.org.

Scholarship Applications Open Soon!

The Association's Scholarship Foundation offers two programs: higher-education scholarships to deserving high school students applying to college and the John F. Donohoe Scholarship to those currently enrolled in an accredited Civil Engineering program. The scholarship program has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships, assisting dozens of students with their educational needs. Applications open February 9, 2026.

Events

SOLD OUT! Pop-Up Happy Hour

ACCNJ's next Pop-Up Happy Hour, taking place Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 5pm, at Town Bar + Kitchen in Morristown, NJ, is SOLD OUT. Missed your chance to register? Visit the [event page](#) to join the waitlist. Keep an eye on your inbox for more Pop-Up Happy Hours added throughout the year.

Insurance Market & Trends Webinar

ACCNJ on February 26, 2026, 9:30am, for a webinar presented by ACCNJ associate member Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. that will provide a high-level overview of the current insurance market, highlighting key trends impacting contractors today. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

ACCNJ March Membership Meeting

In Bulletin 07-2026, we informed members ACCNJ has scheduled the next Membership Meeting for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 5pm, at Triumph Brewing Co., Red Bank, NJ. For

details on this networking style event, access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org. Register [online](#) today! Last year, this sought-after event sold out.

ACCNJ MarketCAST Q4 and Outlook Webinar

As you know, ACCNJ has commissioned quarterly MarketCAST reports from Jeff Otteau and the Otteau Valuation Group. On March 4, 2026, 9:30am, join us for a webinar to hear Jeff Otteau's 2025 economic overview including details on the Q4 report and his 2026 economic outlook.

Communications

Bulletin Summary

Throughout 2025, ACCNJ provided a variety of communications to members including bulletins, alerts and email notifications. In Bulletin 02-2026, we provided members with a bulletin summary, which contains the list of bulletins from the 2025 calendar year. Access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more details.

REMINDER: Member News and Giving Back for *New Jersey Construction Magazine*

As a reminder, in Bulletin 74-2025, we informed members we are seeking Member News and Giving Back activities and photos for the Spring 2026 issue of *New Jersey Construction* magazine. For more information, access the Bulletin in your Info Hub at accnj.org.

Member News

Hiring Trends Analysis

Heron Wolf has released its 2026 hiring trends analysis report. This year's analysis is built on insights gathered from asking more than 3,000 civil construction professionals in the NY, NJ, PA, FL and MA markets, providing a comprehensive view of industry trends and challenges. Heron Wolf is happy to extend this free guide to the readers who wish to download a free copy. To request your free copy, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Bluebeam Revu for Office Administrators

ACCNJ member ZenTek Consultants, a certified Bluebeam Partner, is offering an online course, "Bluebeam Revu for Office Administrators," for ACCNJ Active Members. This program is delivered in four, two-hour online sessions on March 2, 5, 9 and 12, 2026, from 3pm-5pm. A live instructor will explain the detailed functions and address questions as the class progresses. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Zentek Consultants will also be hosting a number of courses in February, including:

- [Bluebeam Revu for Takeoff and Estimating](#). Feb 6, 13, 20, 27. 11am-1pm.
- [Microsoft Project Professional: The Basics](#). Feb 10, 17, 24, Mar 3. 11am-1pm.
- [Bluebeam Revu for Beginners](#). Feb 17, 24, Mar 3, 10. 3pm-5pm.
- [Introduction to AutoCAD Civil 3D](#). Feb 26, Mar 5, 12, 19. 3pm-5pm.

Visit Zentek's [event calendar](#) for a full list of additional courses.

January Member Mondays

ACCNJ features members on our [Facebook](#) page and [LinkedIn](#) on Mondays. Check out last month's Member Mondays, featuring [Patuxent Engineering, LLC](#), [Pottys Plus](#) and [GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc.](#)

Hot Topics

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

- Construction Jobs Increase in 32 States and D.C. between November 2024 and November 2025; 26 States and D.C. Add Construction Jobs in November
- Construction Employment Decreases by 11,000 in December, Ends Year Little Changed as Owners Delay Committing to Nonresidential Projects
- Construction Costs Rise at Fastest Rate Since January 2023 in November, Outpacing Increases in Contractors' Bid Prices for New Buildings
- Construction Employment Increases in Small Majority of Metro Areas in November; Survey Shows Contractors Have Subdued Expectations for 2026
- Construction Spending Increases by 0.5 Percent in October as Gains in Public Outlays, Home Renovation Offset Declines in Other Private Work
- Double-Digit Increases in Aluminum, Steel and Copper Costs Drive Up Producer Price Indexes for Construction Materials and Equipment in 2025

Resumes Available

ACCNJ has obtained the following resumes from individuals in search of employment:

Recent graduate with an M.S. in Construction Engineering & Management. Experience as a junior engineer included coordinating field operations for diaphragm and drainage construction, managing submittals, material tracking, delivery sequencing, and schedule updates, and assisting with site inspections, documentation review, and safety checks. Proficient in AutoCAD, Bluebeam, MS Project, and Microsoft Office Suite.

Program Director with more than 20 years of experience working within youth and adult education, career development, and workforce development agencies at the national, state, and local levels. Extensive experience in training, supporting, and motivating individuals of varied skill levels and building a network of outside individuals focused on workforce development and career pathways. Strong analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making capabilities, interpersonal, project management, and conflict management skills, and proficient in Microsoft Office Suite.

Recent construction engineering graduate with hands-on field engineering, estimating, QC, and safety experience across \$195M+ civil and water infrastructure projects in the NY/NJ area. Experienced with heavy civil and infrastructure work involving tunnels, bridges, utility installations, and marine structures. Skilled in RFIs, submittals, Bluebeam takeoffs, Procore, project documentation, and site coordination. Brings strong field judgment, technical accuracy, and a safety-first mindset.

Senior project manager with more than 25 years of experience in project estimating, preplanning, hiring, employee development, project controls, safety, scheduling, quality control, financial responsibility, building and issuing change orders, job cost tracking and project financial forecasting. Additional experience as a safety director with significant professional experience in the planning, organization, and coordination of policies and programs to promote workplace safety and recognize, eliminate, and/or control occupational health hazards. An effective communicator and facilitator with strong technical, analytical, interpersonal, and leadership skills and the capacity to utilize diverse resources in achieving occupational health and safety objectives.

For a copy of any of these resumes, please contact nthurston@accnj.org.

Employment Opportunity

An ACCNJ GC/CM (Building) member is seeking a project manager for a job in the Vineland area. This position will be responsible for project oversight, budget management and cost estimation, and more. Paid time off, 401k, and health insurance will be offered after an initial vesting period. Prospective candidates must be proficient in reviewing and understanding all

construction documents. Desired skills include Microsoft Suite, AutoCAD, and Building Connected. For more information on this position or if you know someone who would be interested in submitting their resume, please contact nthurston@accnj.org.

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