

RAISING THE STANDARDS IN CONSTRUCTION

# MONTHLY UPDATE

**July 2025** 

# In Case you Missed It ...

ACCNJ hosted another successful golf outing and dinner at Rockaway River Country Club in Denville, NJ on July 14, 2025.

Congratulations to our first-place winners from the Ferreira Construction foursome!

Thank you to all who participated and to our amazing sponsors. We look forward to next year!









On July 11, 2025, as a tribute to the late Mike Corbett, CAS for OSHA, who devoted years to making the construction industry a better, safer place, ACCNJ presented its fourth annual "Mike Corbett Memorial Safety Award" to Kathleen Myska at ACCNJ's Safety Council Meeting.

Kathleen is a senior site safety manager at Torcon, Inc. who exemplifies what it means to be a true safety professional. With an unwavering commitment to "Actively Caring" and bringing a thoughtful, no-shortcuts attitude to safety every day, her peoplecentered approach fosters accountability at all levels, and her unmatched attention to detail has ensured consistently safe operations.

Deeply invested in the well-being of everyone on site, Kathleen builds genuine connections, often remembering personal details and creating a caring environment that makes safety personal. Her professionalism, knowledge, and heartfelt dedication have even made her jobsite a model for training new OSHA compliance professionals.

ACCNJ congratulates Kathleen and everyone who received a safety award!



# Association News

## **Labor Lounge Podcast**

ACCNJ CEO Jack Kocsis sat down with the Labor Lounge Podcast to reflect on more than 35 years leading the organization, the evolution of labor management partnerships, and collaboration in construction.

During the episode, Jack shares his perspective on workforce development, public policy, apprenticeship, and the industry's responsibility to adapt and grow. The conversation lays out how far the construction industry has come and what still needs to change for continued success.



Listen to the full episode on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or iHeart.

# AGC of America

#### **Workforce Survey**

AGC of America is seeking to understand the current state of the construction labor market and gauge how changes in immigration enforcement as well as both new and newly announced tariffs are impacting your firms and the industry. Your answers will better equip AGC to advocate for measures to help the industry in Washington and the regions where you operate. To complete the survey, <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>. The deadline to respond is August 15, 2025.

#### **Discount Programs**

In Bulletin 45-2025, we notified members of new discount programs available through AGC of America, including Milwaukee Tool and Speedchain. For details, access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the access-ice;</a> access the <a href="mailto:access-ice;">access the access-ice;</a> acce

# Labor

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

#### **Environmental Laborers Settlement**

In Bulletin 44-2025, we announced to Signatory Members a tentative three-year agreement was reached between the Association and the Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Waste Laborers Local Nos. 3 & 77, effective August 1, 2025.

## **Environmental Laborers Wage & Fringe Benefits**

In Bulletin 46-2025, we distributed to Signatory Members information regarding the August 1, 2025, Wage & Fringe Benefits for Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Waste Laborers Local Nos. 3 & 77.

# **Government Affairs**

#### NJ FY2026 Budget

In Bulletin 41-2025, we provided members with a synopsis of New Jersey's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, which Governor Murphy signed into law in late June. For details, access the bulletin in your Info Hub at accni.org.

# **Education & Workforce Development**

#### **Tuition Reimbursement Program**

As a reminder, in Bulletin 04-2025, 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 accni.org.

#### **LAST CALL! Listening Skills Workshop**

As a reminder, in Bulletin 36-2025, we announced the next topic in our Educational Workshop Series covering Listening Skills. The workshop will take place August 7, 2025, 8:30am, at the Association Offices in Edison. Visit the <a href="event page">event page</a> to register and access the Bulletin in your Info Hub for more details at <a href="each;">accnj.org</a>.

#### **Public Speaking Professional Development**

In Bulletin 43-2025, we invited members to attend a 4-part Public Speaking Professional Development course as part of our Educational Workshop Series. The course will take place September 17 (sessions 1 and 2), September 26 and October 3. All sessions will take place at the Association Offices in Edison. For more information and to register, visit the <u>event page</u> and access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <u>accnj.org</u>.

#### **Stevens Seeking Capstone Senior Design Project Sponsors**

In Bulletin 42-2025, we informed Active Members the Civil, Environmental and Ocean Engineering Department at Stevens Institute of Technology is seeking sponsors for their capstone Senior Design Projects. For more information, access the bulletin in your Info Hub at <a href="accnj.org">accnj.org</a>.

## **Events**

#### ACCNJ 2025 Fall Convention - Did You Register Yet?

Don't forget to register for ACCNJ's 2025 Fall Convention! Join us from September 10-12, 2025, at Ocean Place Resort & Spa, Long Branch, NJ. Visit the <u>event page</u> to view the full agenda and to register.

In addition, the gift auction to support the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation is still accepting donations. By contributing to this, you are helping build the scholarship program that assists outstanding scholars with their higher education needs. To donate to the Gift Basket Raffle, <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>.

# **Member News**

#### **CBIZ Webinar**

Join ACCNJ member CBIZ on Wednesday, August 13, at 2pm, where they are hosting a complimentary webinar in which their construction team will discuss the findings from their 2025 National Construction Survey.



Visit the event page to register.

#### **Zentek Consultants**

ACCNJ member Zentek Consultants will be hosting a series of online courses for Microsoft in the coming weeks:

- Microsoft Project Professional: The Basics (August 5, 12, 19 & 26 at 8:30am)
- Microsoft Excel Basics (August 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 3pm)
- Microsoft Excel Intermediate (August 20, 21, 27 & 28 at 3pm)

Visit the links above for more details and to register.

## **July Member Mondays**

ACCNJ features members on our <u>Facebook</u> page and <u>LinkedIn</u> on Mondays. Check out last month's Member Mondays, featuring <u>Instrata</u> and <u>Garden State Pavement Solutions</u>.

#### **Hot Topics**

Follow along with ACCNJ's <u>Facebook</u> page and <u>LinkedIn</u> page for real-time Hot Topics. July Hot Topics included:

- Construction Employment Stalls with Only Half of Metro Areas Adding Jobs from June 2024 to June 2025 as Industry is Stuck in a "Holding Pattern"
- Construction Jobs Decline in 26 States Between May and Last Month; Sector's Employment Increases in 33 States and D.C. from a Year Ago
- Nonresidential Construction Materials and Services Costs Accelerate Again in June as Industry Awaits Impact of Announced Tariff Increases
- Construction Firms Add 15,000 Jobs in June as Hourly Wages in the Sector Rise to \$37.20 as Firms Strive to Retain Workers Amid Market Uncertainty

# **Employment Opportunities**

#### **ACCNJ Member Seeking Safety Inspector**

An ACCNJ GC/CM member based in North Jersey with jobsites throughout the State is seeking an enthusiastic and technologically savvy safety inspector. Applicants should possess strong safety skills and be knowledgeable about OSHA and State regulations. This role offers a full benefits package. Salary is commensurate with experience. For more information on this position or if you know someone who would be interested in submitting their resume, please contact <a href="mailto:nthurston@accnj.org">nthurston@accnj.org</a>.

#### **Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey**

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