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MONTHLY UPDATE

May 2026

In Case you Missed It...



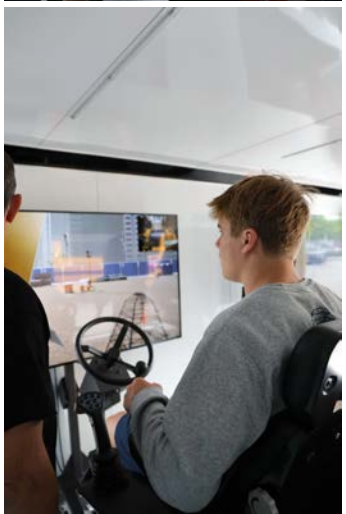
From May 18-21, 2026, Bob Sagendorf of Eii, Inc. instructed more than 20 CIAP student interns and ACCNJ member employees at the OSHA 30 Construction Safety Course hosted at the ACCNJ offices in Edison.

In addition to gaining valuable safety knowledge, students had the opportunity to connect with one another and build relationships that will support them throughout their careers.

Thank you to Bob Sagendorf for delivering an engaging and informative course experience!

On May 26 and 27, 2026, the union construction industry once again hosted Construction Industry Career Day. More than 2,500 people explored the world of construction with interactive experiences across the different trades. A massive thank you to the sponsors for their continued support!

Read more about the event and access photos from both days [here](#).



Association Business

Amendments to ACCNJ's By-Laws

In Bulletin 37-2026, ACCNJ notified Active Members voting on proposed amendments to the ACCNJ by-laws will take place at the June Membership Meeting. Access the bulletin and a summary of the revisions in your Info Hub at accnj.org.

Labor

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

Memorial Day Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 39-2026, we provided Signatory Members with the holiday provisions for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2026.

Tilesetters Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 41-2026, we distributed to Signatory Members information on June 1, 2026 Wage & Fringe Benefits for Tile, Marble & Terrazzo BAC Local 7.

Government Affairs

ALERT: NJDOL Adopts Independent Contractor Rules, Effective October 1, 2026

In an [Email Alert](#) issued May 7, 2026, ACCNJ notified members the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development (NJDOL) has formally adopted regulations clarifying the State's "ABC test" for determining whether a worker qualifies as an independent contractor or employee under New Jersey law. Access the [Email Alert](#) for more information.

Safety

Safety Recognition Program – Mike Corbett Memorial Award

In 2022, ACCNJ renamed its Safety Recognition Program for our longtime friend, Mike Corbett. This award is designed to identify those who have shown an exemplary commitment or random act of safety that has made them a standout for their efforts. The individual may be a union craftworker or company employee. Access Bulletin 38-2026 in your Info Hub at accnj.org for more details on Mike Corbett, the award, and how to nominate someone. The recipient will be invited to the July 10, 2026, ACCNJ Safety Council Meeting as our guest to be recognized.

Education & Workforce Development

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

REMINDER: June Membership Meeting

As a reminder, in Bulletin 30-2026, we invited members to attend the next Membership Meeting/Scholarship Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 12pm, at Pierre's of South Brunswick in Monmouth Junction, NJ. At this program, the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation will present financial awards to the candidates selected from this year's distinguished pool of applicants. For more information, and to register, visit the [event page](#).

ACCNJ Fishing Trip

The Fishing Trip returns for another year! Join ACCNJ for a fun-filled day aboard the "KEYPORT PRINCESS" on July 7, 2026. Space is limited and sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit the [event page](#) for details and to register.

ACCNJ Fall Convention

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ACCNJ'S 2026 FALL CONVENTION! Join us from September 9-11, 2026, at Ocean Place Resort & Spa in Long Branch. To register, visit the [event page](#).

In addition, the gift auction to support the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation is accepting donations until August 3, 2026. 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, [CLICK HERE](#).

Communications

Advertising Opportunities in *New Jersey Construction Magazine*

In Bulletin 40-2026, we informed members ACCNJ will publish the Summer 2026 issue of *New Jersey Construction* in August. We hope you will support it with your advertising. The publication reaches our entire membership, plus 2,500 federal, state and local government officials, owners, other construction industry professionals and our labor partners. For more information, access the bulletin in your Info Hub at [accnj.org](#).

Seeking Member News for *New Jersey Construction Magazine*

In Bulletin 42-2026 we informed members we are seeking Member News and Giving Back activities and photos for the Summer 2026 issue of *New Jersey Construction*. We invite you to contribute in-house news of awards, projects, people and events important to your firm. In addition to Member News, the magazine's Giving Back feature highlights the many volunteer activities of our contractors and their craftworkers. For more information and submission details, access the bulletin in your Info Hub at [accnj.org](#).

Member News

2026 SBA New Jersey Person of the Year

During National Small Business Week 2026 (May 3-9), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) recognized the important contributions of entrepreneurs and small business owners across the country. Sean Xu of Tri-State Civil Construction LLC was honored as the 2026 New Jersey SBA Person of the Year. As part of the week's events, Xu attended the SBA Summit at the White House in Washington, D.C. on May 4, 2026, joining business leaders from across the nation.

Zentek Consultants

ACCNJ member Zentek Consultants will be hosting a Tech Talk for Bluebeam users on Tuesday, June 2, at 2:30pm. 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 Consultants is offering an online course, Construction Scheduling in Microsoft Project Professional, for ACCNJ Active Members. This is an introductory course designed for new Microsoft Project users and focuses on building and managing construction schedules. The course will take place in two parts:

- [Part 1](#): June 16 & 18, 11am-1pm. Registrants will learn how to create tasks, organize project phases, assign and manage resources, and adjust timelines to produce clear, accurate, and workable project schedules.
- [Part 2](#): June 23 & 25, 11am-1pm. Registrants will learn how to customize timelines, set milestones and deadlines, apply Critical Path Methodology concepts, and track progress throughout the project lifecycle.

Visit [Zentek's website](#) to register. Use code ACCNJ30 for 30% off each session.

Hot Topics

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

- Construction Jobs Increase in Fewer than Half Metro Areas from March 2025 to 2026; Association Urges Prompt Action on Highway Bill to Support Wider Gains
- Surging Materials and Energy Costs Drive Construction Input Prices Sharply Higher in April, Forcing Contractors to Pay More for Key Supplies

- Construction Employment Rises by 9,000 in April as Nonresidential Hiring Offsets Residential Declines and Average Hourly Pay Rises to \$38.73
- Construction Spending Inches Up 0.6 Percent in March as Residential Gains Offset Continued Weakness in Manufacturing & Nonresidential Segments
- Construction Jobs Increase in 33 States and D.C. Between March 2025 and March 2026; 31 States and D.C. Add Jobs in March

Resume Available

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

Dedicated **customer service and community relations professional** with 20+ years of experience supporting individuals and families in education and social services settings. Skilled in client relationship management, conflict resolution, case coordination, community outreach, and multi-stakeholder communication. Recognized for compassionate support, strong documentation practices, and the ability to manage sensitive situations with professionalism and empathy. Proficient in Microsoft Office with experience in recordkeeping, compliance, and training and onboarding.

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

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