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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# MONTHLY UPDATE

December 2017

## *Labor*

### Operating Engineers Wage Rates

In Bulletin 109-17, we emailed Active Members the wage and fringe benefits package for Operating Engineers Local No. 825, effective January 1, 2018. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **REMINDER – Carpenters Collection Policy Meeting – January 11, 2018**

In November, we emailed signatory contractors that, effective January 1, 2018, the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters Funds has adopted a new Collection Policy. Jack Widman, Management Co-Counsel on the Funds, and NRCC Administrative Manager Pete Tonia will provide an overview of the policy's key provisions on January 11, 2018, at 10 am in the ACCNJ office. Signatory contractors are asked to please contact ACCNJ if you have questions and to confirm your attendance at the meeting.

## **Labor Negotiations in 2018**

In 2018, ACCNJ will negotiate new Collective Bargaining Agreements with these union locals:

- Ironworkers, Local No. 11
  - Laborers - Asbestos & Hazardous Waste, Local No. 78
  - Heavy & General Construction Laborers, Locals 472 & 172
  - Teamsters, Locals 676 & 331
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## ***Welcome New Members***

Advanced Scaffold Services, LLC - Clifton, NJ  
ATG Trading LLC - Harrison, NJ  
Central Salvage Co. Inc. - Philadelphia, PA  
Industrial Urban Corp. - Lyndhurst, NJ  
JP Hogan Coring & Sawing Corp - Staten Island, NY  
Metal Partners International - Naperville, IL  
Prestige Millwork LLC - Bridgewater, NJ  
Soil Installers dba Helitech - Belleville, IL

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## ***ACCNJ Note to Members***

### **Dues Invoices**

On November 1, ACCNJ sent 2018 ACCNJ Dues Invoices to all members via regular mail. If you have not yet received it, please contact the Association office and we will email you a copy. Payments are due by January 15, 2018.

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## ***Safety***

### **US Appeals Court Upholds OSHA Silica Rules**

As we informed members in Bulletin 114-17, on December 22, 2017, the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia issued a decision upholding OSHA's silica rules. The decision states OSHA had met legal requirements when determining the economic and technical feasibility of complying with the rules. AGC of America's CEO, Steve Sandherr, immediately issued a statement expressing his disappointment in the decision. To read the full

statement go to [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org), and to access more information on the silica rules go to <https://www.osha.gov/dsg/topics/silicacrystalline/>.

### **OSHA Extends Deadline to File OSHA Form 300A**

As we emailed members in December, OSHA announced that the deadline to submit 2016 OSHA 300A information through the Injury Tracking Application (ITA) was extended from December 15 to December 31, 2017. As of January 1, 2018, the ITA is no longer accepting the 2016 data.

### ***REMINDER – Safety Council Meeting – January 19!***

In Bulletin 108-17, we announced the next ACCNJ Safety Council Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 19, 2018, at 11:30 am at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edison. We welcome OSHA Area Director Kris Hoffman, who will address crystalline silica exposure and present an overview of OSHA's new standard. To register, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Construction Safety Courses**

For those interested in registering craftworkers for safety courses offered by the general construction trades at their training centers, please contact the Association office.

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## ***Education & Workforce Development***

### **Career Fair – January 10, 2018**

ACCNJ Active Members were invited to participate in the CIAP Career Fair on January 10, 2018, at the Pines Manor in Edison. The event will welcome approximately 60 pre-screened students from various colleges and universities in the area, all of whom are seeking summer internships with member firms. For more information please visit [www.ciapofnj.org](http://www.ciapofnj.org) and access Bulletin 91-17 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org) to register.

### **2018 Scholarship Opportunities**

In December, the ACCNJ Board of Trustees approved the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation's scholarship opportunities for 2018, to be announced in early March. Last year the Foundation awarded \$50,000 in scholarships to children and grandchildren of ACCNJ members. After evaluation and selection by the

Scholarship Foundation committee, the 2018 awards will be presented on June 5, 2018, at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

### **Tuition Reimbursement Program – *REMINDER***

As you know, ACCNJ's Industry Advancement Trust has approved a Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ Active Member firms that contribute to the IAT. For complete information, access Bulletin 15-17 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Government Affairs***

### **AGC of America Protects Construction Industry in New Tax Bill**

In Bulletin 115-17, we told you of AGC of America's success integrating construction industry benefits into the new federal tax bill, signed into law before the Christmas holiday. After AGC outlined critical priorities, the Congressional conference tasked with reconciling the House and Senate versions of the tax bill adopted a host of those recommendations, including reducing the corporate tax rate to 21%. For a complete list of the AGC "wins" in the new tax bill, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **NJ & NY Governors Announce Gateway Project Funding**

In early December, Governor Christie and Governor Cuomo announced a bi-state agreement to contribute \$5.6 billion toward the proposed Gateway Project. To fund the project, New Jersey will set NJ Transit per-ride fare increases, while NY will make a general fund appropriation. The project will establish a second rail tunnel into Manhattan and enable repairs to the existing but aging tubes that lead into Penn Station. For complete information, access Bulletin 111-17 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Governor-Elect Murphy Nominates Cabinet Members**

As announced in Bulletin 113-17, over the past two weeks Governor-elect Phil Murphy has begun nominating individuals to serve in his cabinet. To see the full list of nominated cabinet members, which will need State Senate

confirmation, access Bulletin 113-17 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Industry Issues***

### **School Construction Referenda**

In Bulletin 112-17, we informed members of school construction proposals totaling nearly \$24 million approved in one district, while proposals in two other districts were rejected by voters. Statewide, for the year, a total of more than \$470 million in school construction was approved for 20 districts.

### **AGC of America 2018 Construction Forecast**

AGC of America's staff presented the 2018 Construction Spending, Labor & Materials Outlook in a November webinar. For the details of the webinar, please access Bulletin 110-17 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***ACCNJ Upcoming Events***

### **Federal Tax Update – *January 18, 2018***

ACCNJ is pleased to host “Federal Tax Update—How Will It Impact You?” on Thursday, January 18, 2018, from 9:00-10:30 am. Jack Callahan, CPA, and Shaune Scutellaro, CPA, of CohnReznick LLP will present the program. The program is free-of-charge but registration is required. *To register, access the flyer in December Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org)*

### **Coffee Talk with NJ Transit – *February 8, 2018***

Join us as Eric R. Daleo, Assistant Executive Director of Capital Planning and Programs for NJ Transit, discusses the Capital Plan and the timing for the pipeline projects. There will be an opportunity to ask questions. The Coffee Talk is offered free-of-charge at the Association Offices in Edison and a light breakfast will be served. Registration is required. *To register, access the flyer in December Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).*

## 99th Annual AGC Convention – *February 26-28, 2018*

There is still time to register for the 99th Annual AGC Convention, February 26-28 in New Orleans. Standard registration for the event ends on January 31, 2018. To register, visit [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org).

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### Hot Topics Recap

In December, we posted these Hot Topics at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org):

- **New Residential Properties Coming to East Rutherford**
  - **Local Businesses See the Advantages of GROW NJ Tax Incentives**
  - **Economic Expansion Boosts Construction Jobs Across the Nation**
  - **BLS Releases Latest Occupational Fatalities Report**
  - **Update: Flemington's Union Hotel Redevelopment Approved**
  - **Proton Therapy Facility Planned for Virtua Voorhees**
  - **Rowan University Plans 300-Acre Sports Complex**
  - **Update: Cherry Hill's Hampton Road Redevelopment**
  - **More Mixed-Use Development Planned for Hackensack**
  - **Palisades Park Approves 14-Story Residential Building**
  - **Rutgers Gives Go-Ahead on \$15 Million Campbell's Field Redevelopment**
  - **Boraie Development Bringing Union Apprentice Program to AC**
  - **Long Branch Reaches Deal for Development of Lower Broadway**
  - **More Mixed-Use Development Planned for Hackensack**
  - **Woolwich Retail Center Plans Summer Sewer Construction**
  - **Approval Pending for \$5 Million Addition to Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Project**
  - **Connecticut Raises Project Threshold for Prevailing Wage Rates**
  - **Tax Incentive Bill for Garden State Growth Zones Proceeds to Full Legislature**
  - **Jersey City Ponders Development in Non-Waterfront Areas**
  - **Mars Wrigley to Build New HQ in Newark, Renovate Hackettstown Facility**
  - **Georgian Court University Plans New Building in Flemington**
  - **AGC Expresses Support for FHWA Environmental Streamlining Proposals**
  - **OSHA Extends Compliance Date of Record-Keeping Rule**
  - **Metro Construction Employment and Spending Rise for the Year**
  - **Redevelopment of National Lead Site in Sayreville Estimated at \$2.5 Billion**
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