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Gov. Murphy Signs ACCNJ-Supported Bill Allowing Public-Private Partnerships for NJ Projects

EWING, NJ – Yesterday at The College of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy signed a bill, advocated for and advanced by the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey (ACCNJ), that allows public-private partnerships (P3s) for various building and highway infrastructure projects in New Jersey, making it possible for projects to come to fruition that otherwise might never be built in the absence of sufficient public funds. The bill (S-865/A), prime-sponsored by Senate President Stephen Sweeney, Sen. Steven Oroho and Sen. Troy Singleton in the State Senate and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin, Assemblyman Louis Greenwald and Assemblyman Jon Bramnick in the Assembly, had passed in both houses of the New Jersey Legislature in late June.

“We are extremely pleased to witness the passage and signing of this important bill,” stated Jack Kocsis, CEO of ACCNJ. “It has the potential to create additional work opportunities for the contracting community and our labor partners that may not otherwise happen.

“We express our sincere thanks to the bill’s sponsors,” Kocsis continued. “Senate President Sweeney, who has shepherded this initiative, along with Senators Oroho and Singleton, Assembly Speaker Coughlin and Assemblymen Greenwald and Bramnick, all had the wisdom to advance the legislation because of their deep understanding of the economic issues facing the state and the value of allowing public entities to use the P3 model. And we thank Governor Murphy, who recognized the importance of P3s and the benefits they can provide, and today had the leadership to sign this bill into law.”

ACCNJ and John Parkinson, Executive Director of the Association for the Improvement of American Infrastructure (AIAI) had worked together for several years, with the support and input of Sen. Sweeney, to structure legislation that enables P3s to provide new project financing avenues while adhering to the strictest standards of transparency, ensuring proper protocols to protect the contractors, craftworkers and taxpayers of New Jersey, and preserving traditional public project delivery and procurement methods.



During the bill signing, Governor Murphy acknowledged ACCNJ’s advocacy for P3s by sharing a handshake with Jack Kocsis, CEO. Looking on (l to r) is Dr. Kathryn A. Foster, President of The College of New Jersey, and Senate President Stephen Sweeney.

About ACCNJ

ACCNJ represents general building contractors, construction managers, and heavy, highway, site development and utility contractors in New Jersey that employ tens of thousands of skilled union craftworkers each year. Members are responsible for billions of dollars in commercial, industrial, heavy, highway, utility and institutional construction projects annually. The Association is committed to raising the standards of construction in New Jersey through quality, integrity, skill and responsibility.