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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2018

## *Labor*

### **Ironworkers, Local No. 11 Bargaining Rights**

In Bulletin 09-18, we emailed Active Members the bargaining rights authorization form for Ironworkers, Local No. 11. The completed form must be returned to ACCNJ by February 28, 2018. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Teamsters, Local No. 331 and Local No. 676 Bargaining Rights**

In Bulletin 10-18, we emailed Active Members the bargaining rights authorization form for Teamsters, Local No. 331 and Local No. 676. The completed form must be returned to ACCNJ by February 28, 2018. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Carpenters Collection Policy Meeting**

On January 11, Jack Widman, Management Co-Counsel on the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters Funds, and NRCC Administrative Manager Pete Tonia provided an overview of the key provisions in the Carpenters' new Collection & Audit Policy. Signatory contractors are asked to please contact ACCNJ to obtain a copy of the new policy.

### **Presidents' Day Holiday Provisions**

In Bulletin 20-18, we distributed information on each trade's provisions

for recognizing the Presidents' Day holiday, February 19, 2018. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***ACCNJ Welcomes New Officers***

We welcome the new ACCNJ Officers of the Board of Trustees, whose term began January 1, 2018:

Chair: **Benedict Torcivia, Jr.**, of Torcon, Inc.

Vice Chair: **J. Fletcher Creamer, Jr.**, of J. Fletcher Creamer & Son Inc.

Treasurer: **Eric Jensen** of Michael Riesz & Co.

Secretary: **Art Corwin** of Moretrench American Corp.

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## ***Government Affairs***

### **Governor Christie Signs Lame-Duck Bills**

In Bulletins 07-18 and 11-18, we reviewed ACCNJ-supported bills that were passed during the lame-duck session in early January and those bills Governor Christie signed into law before his term ended. Access the bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Nominees for Murphy Administration**

In Bulletin 08-18, we reported then Governor-elect Murphy had nominated Robert Asaro-Angelo as Labor Commissioner. For details on Rob's background, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

In Bulletin 22-18, we reported the new governor nominated Tim Sullivan for President & Chief Operating Officer of NJ EDA and Kevin Corbett for NJ Transit Executive Director. For details on their backgrounds and experience, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Governor Murphy Orders Audit of NJ EDA Incentives**

As announced in Bulletin 14-18, shortly after his inauguration this month Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 3 calling for a full-scale performance audit of NJ EDA's incentive programs to evaluate job creation and economic growth. For more information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Construction Issues in the State of the Union Address**

In Bulletin 21-18, we reviewed the issues important to the construction industry that were components of President Trump's State of the Union Address to Congress on January 30, most notably the proposed \$1.5 trillion infrastructure package. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

## Updates to NJ Motor Carrier Safety Regulations

In Bulletin 19-18, we informed members of increased police enforcement on NJ highways related to commercial vehicle drivers' medical certification provisions. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## Safety

### ACCNJ Safety Awards Program

In Bulletin 04-18, we alerted Active Members about the ACCNJ Safety Awards Program, for which entries were due February 1, 2018. The program honors members for safety excellence with a non-competitive, recognition-driven award. The awards will be presented at the June Membership Meeting. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### 2017 National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) Program

In Bulletin 03-18, we told members of the 2017 NASA Program, for which entries were due to the ACCNJ office by February 1, 2018. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### Post OSHA Form 300A – *By February 1!*

Members are reminded to post the OSHA Form 300A by February 1, 2018, in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted. The form summarizes job-related injuries and illnesses logged during 2017, and must remain posted through April 30, 2018. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

### OSHA Penalties Rise for 2018

OSHA penalties are higher beginning this month in accordance with the inflation adjustment formula written into the 2016 rule. Effective January 2, penalty for a serious violation is \$12,934; failure to abate is \$12,934 per day beyond the abatement date; and willful or repeated violations will be penalized \$129,336 per violation. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

### 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

## SDA 2018 SMWBE Contractor Training Program

In Bulletin 12-18, we distributed information about the SDA's Small, Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise Contractor Training Program for 2018. The nine-week program offers, free-of-charge, a forum for small construction firms to learn how to successfully find work with the SDA and other state agencies. ACCNJ encourages you to share the information with the small-business contractors you know. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

## NJ VoTech to Offer Operating Engineer Skills Course

Through an NJ Department of Education grant, the Hunterdon County VoTech will offer hands-on training to students in an array of construction skills related to Operating Engineers. Hunterdon County VoTech seeks an instructor for the program; applicants should contact Gudron Szierer at [gszierer@hcvsd.org](mailto:gszierer@hcvsd.org) before March 31, 2018. *Look for more on the program in ACCNJ's Industry Update, to be published in March.*

## 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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## *Industry Issues*

### Federal Tax Update – *Presentation Available*

On January 18, ACCNJ hosted "Federal Tax Update—How Will It Impact You?" Jack Callahan, CPA, and Shaune Scutellaro, CPA, of CohnReznick LLP presented the program to more than 40 ACCNJ members and staff. Members may contact the Association for a copy of the presentation.

### AGC of America Multiemployer Pension Initiatives

In Bulletin 15-18, we updated members on AGC of America's latest initiatives on multiemployer pension reform, to which ACCNJ contributed financial support. We will keep you updated as we anticipate federal legislation favorable to the creation of composite plans. For more information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### School Construction Referenda

In Bulletin 16-18, we informed members of school construction

proposals totaling more than \$35 million approved in two districts. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **AGC of America 2018 Economic Outlook**

In Bulletin 06-18, we recapped AGC's 2018 Construction Industry Hiring and Business Outlook, released this month based on AGC member surveys. For the key findings, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **AGC Discount Programs**

In Bulletin 02-18, we shared information about AGC of America's latest discount program with Amazon Business. ACCNJ members and staff can create a free account and receive a 20% discount off select Amazon items up to \$500, plus other business-only prices and more. We encourage members to take advantage of this and other discounts available to AGC members. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **NJBIA New Good Neighbor Award Nominations Due**

Nominations for the 58th Annual New Good Neighbor Awards are due February 5, 2018. For details, visit [www.njbia.org](http://www.njbia.org).

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## ***ACCNJ Communications***

### **2017 Bulletin Summary**

In Bulletin 01-18, we sent members the summary of all bulletins posted in 2017. As always, all bulletins may be accessed in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Industry Update – *Coming in March!***

In March, members will receive the semi-annual Industry Update. Look for this eight-page glossy publication – and enjoy the feature on this year's CIAP student interns!

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## ***ACCNJ Upcoming Events***

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

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. The free Coffee Talk is offered at ACCNJ's office 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**

There is still time to register for the 99th Annual AGC of America Convention, February 26-28 in New Orleans. To register, visit [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org).

### **NJAPA Seminar – March 12**

Members are invited to the NJ Asphalt Paving Association's 1-Day Seminar: "Principles of Quality Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Construction" on March 12 at The College of New Jersey, Education Building Room 115, Ewing, 7:30 am to 4 pm. For details and the registration form, access the flyer under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Membership Meeting – March 13**

In Bulletin 17-18, we announced the next ACCNJ Membership Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, at 5:30 pm at the Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls-Eatontown. We are pleased to have as our invited guest speaker the recently nominated New Jersey Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development, Robert Asaro-Angelo, who most recently served as Eastern Regional Representative for the US Department of Labor. We hope you can join us for the Membership Meeting. For details and the registration form, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Silica Sampling Program – March 19**

In Bulletin 18-18, we invited members to join us on March 19 at 8:30 am in the Association office in Edison for a meeting with a representative from AGC of Cleveland, who will detail the Silica Sampling and Objective Data Program spearheaded by that chapter. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Safety Council – April 20**

Mark your calendar for the next ACCNJ Safety Council Meeting on Friday, April 20, at the Hilton Garden in Edison. Watch for information on the program and registration in the coming weeks.

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## ***Hot Topics Recap***

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

- Somerdale Church to Transform into Housing and Restaurant
- USA EPA Claims Roebling Steel Superfund Site is Cleaned Up
- Andover Township to Get Glass Recycling Plant

- **Proposed \$12 Million Rehab for Paterson Art Factory**
  - **AC Grants Available to Cut Development Costs**
  - **UPDATE: PennEast Pipeline Approved by Feds**
  - **Latest Federal Reserve Reports for Price Inputs, Office Availability**
  - **Press of Atlantic City's Former Building Sold for Development**
  - **Private-Sector Demand Bumps Up State Construction Employment**
  - **High-End Loft Apartments Coming to Passaic**
  - **Proposal Addresses Flooding in Bergen County**
  - **Apartments and Retail Space Coming to Paterson**
  - **UPDATE: Kushner Cos. Submits New Site Plans for Monmouth Mall Redevelopment**
  - **More Development Plans in Jersey City**
  - **Pero Family Farms Expanding in Vineland**
  - **Adaptive Reuse in Jersey City: From Old Church to New Residences**
  - **Six-Story Residential Building Proposed for Jersey City's Ward B**
  - **Camden Mixed-Use Parking Garage Plans Changed**
  - **Redevelopment Planned for Route 18 Retail Site in East Brunswick**
  - **NJ Transit Director Stepping Down**
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