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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

July 2017

Labor

Ironworkers Local 399 Agreement

In Bulletin 70-17, we emailed Active Members the summary of the agreement reached with Ironworkers Local 399 following the merger with Ironworkers Local 68 and Ironworkers Local 350. A copy may be found in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Laborers and Asphalt Laborers Bargaining Forms

In Bulletin 73-17, we announced to Active Members that the Laborers Local Union Nos. 172 and 472 and Asphalt Laborers Local No. 172 Collective Bargaining Agreements will expire in early 2018, and requested members to complete and return Bargaining Rights Authorizations for those Locals. For the forms, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Drug Testing Inquiry

Per an email sent July 26, 2017, the Association is seeking input from Active Members on the percentage of projects currently being performed that require drug testing. Responses may be made via email to accnj@accnj.org.

Government Affairs

Governor Takes Action on Legislation

In Bulletin 72-17, we reported that Governor Christie signed several ACCNJ-supported bills and vetoed other bills we were tracking. For complete information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NJ DOT Revises Civil Rights Procedures

In Bulletin 67-17, we reported to Active Members NJ DOT's decision to codify several of the revised Disadvantaged Business Enterprise contracting procedures into permanent requirements. ACCNJ had expressed concerns at several stakeholder meetings with NJ DOT's Division of Civil Rights, many of which were taken into consideration. But the requirement to disclose DBEs at time of bid still stands and implementation began in July. For a summary of the changes to contracting procedures with regard to DBEs, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NJ Gubernatorial Candidates Select Running Mates

The candidates for New Jersey Governor have selected their running mates: Democrat Phil Murphy chose former Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, while Republican Kim Guadagno chose Woodcliff Lake Mayor Carlos Rendo. There will be several upcoming debates this fall before the election on November 7, 2017.

ACCNJ Events

TopGolf Event - *September 14*

All members are invited to an upcoming event at TopGolf in Edison. Join us on September 14, 2017, from 5-8pm for a dinner buffet, open bar and three hours of unlimited TopGolf. The event opportunities for team-building,

networking, improving your golf swing, and supporting PAC or the ACCNJ Scholarship Foundation. TopGolf is a unique form of golf, where players hit microchipped balls to track each shot's accuracy and get points for hitting targets in the outfield. Access the flyer under June bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org. More spots have become available due to the popularity of the event, so sign up quickly to be part of the evening. ACCNJ expresses thanks to our Event Sponsor, Peckar & Abramson, PC.

ACCNJ Gala Dinner Dance - October 13

ACCNJ requests your presence at the Gala Dinner Dance on Friday, October 13, 2017. There will be a cocktail reception at 6pm followed by dinner and dancing at The Palace at Somerset Park. Invitations were mailed in early July.

ACCNJ 2018 Winter Conference - January 31-February 3, 2018

Registration is now open! Join us for a four-day, three-night special program at The Reef by Cuisinart, Anguilla. The conference is an excellent opportunity for networking with other members and discussing key industry issues while relaxing at a beautiful resort. For more information and to register, access the flyer under July bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Member News

Connell Foley LLP Announces Relocation

Connell Foley LLP, a full-service law firm, has moved less than a mile away from their previous location to their new headquarters, "56 at Roseland," located at 56 Livingston Avenue. The new state-of-the-art building is designed to meet the needs of clients and employees.

Industry News

ACCNJ Meets with NJ Transit

On July 11, ACCNJ members and staff met with representatives from NJ Transit to discuss design-build projects, prequalification and project

closeouts. The NJ Transit board recently approved a \$2.2 billion budget without an increase in fare for riders. The meeting touched on making NJ Transit more productive as the agency continues Sandy Recovery and Resiliency Projects.

ACCNJ Joins GCA of New York in Port Authority Meeting

Members and staff of ACCNJ and GCA of NY met with Port Authority Chief Engineer Jim Starace and his staff on July 26 to discuss several important topics that included bid processes, prequalification procedures, timing of change order negotiations and close-out procedures, as well as the Port Authority's progress in incorporating electronic bidding. Port Authority officials presented the Capital Program, highlighting several upcoming mega projects. Over the next few months, the Associations and Authority will form working groups to resolve issues brought forward at the meeting.

Latest I-9 Form Released

In Bulletin 71-17, we announced to Active Members that US Citizen and Immigration Services would release the latest Form I-9, the Employee Eligibility Verification form, on July 17. Beginning on September 18, 2017, employers must use the revised form and continue following existing storage and retention rules for any previously completed Form I-9. For further information, visit www.uscis.gov/i9.

New Jersey Economic Outlook from Wells Fargo

AGC of America's Chief Economist Ken Simonson shared with ACCNJ the July 2017 report from the Wells Fargo Economic Group detailing New Jersey's economic outlook. Here are the key findings pertaining to construction in the state:

- Improvement in the labor market as job growth broadens across all industries
- Construction employment was up for the month although fell for the year because of 2016 budget issues and public highway work stoppages
- Transportation & Logistics remains one of NJ's most dynamic sectors, boosting construction demand
- Healthcare and education are key state assets, also driving construction demand
- Demand for downtown living has been a boon for Jersey City, Newark, Elizabeth, New Brunswick and Camden, mainly due to the appeal of efficient transportation links, underscoring the necessity for the state to invest in infrastructure

- Residential and commercial construction activity is poised for better days
 - Commercial building continues to be driven by demand for warehouse and industrial space
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Safety

OSHA to Release Electronic Reporting Form

On August 1, OSHA will release its app to electronically submit injury and illness data. The web-based form will allow employers to electronically submit the required injury and illness data from their completed 2016 OSHA 300A logs. More information is available at www.OSHA.gov.

OSHA 30-Hour Safety Course - Save the Date

On November 7, 14, 21 & 28, ACCNJ will host an OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Course at the Association Office in Edison. The course will cover OSHA policies, procedures and standards, as well as construction safety and health principles. Topics include scope and application of the OSHA construction standards, with special emphasis on the areas that are most hazardous.

Education & Workforce Development

Project Management Certificate Program

In Bulletin 68-17, we emailed Active Members announcing our Project Management Certificate Program in cooperation with Middlesex County College. The course is open to any project manager, project team member, coordinator or assistant who would benefit from learning the PMI method of project management. The course is being offered free-of-charge and begins October 2, 2017. For complete information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Diversity Conference - September 28

In Bulletin 69-17, we emailed Active Members announcing a Diversity Conference for small, women- owned, minority-owned, veteran-owned and disadvantaged contractors. Hosted by ACCNJ, the conference is scheduled for September 28, 2017, at the NJ Convention & Expo Center in Edison.

Contractor members are invited to participate as interactive exhibitors. For complete information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

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 B-15-17 in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

In July, we posted these Hot Topics at accnj.org:

- PSE&G to Build \$275 Million Substation
 - Construction Among States Up for Year; New Jersey Strong in June
 - Corning to Expand Vineland Plant
 - Jenkinson's Will Build Seawall
 - Port Authority Approves New Delta Terminal at LaGuardia
 - US DOL Orders East Orange Contractors to Pay Back Wages
 - Payment for Small Business Bill Passed in House Committee
 - Cushman & Wakefield Report Strong NJ Industrial Real Estate Markets
 - NJ Representative Proposes \$900 Million for Gateway Project
 - Update: Burlington County, Towns Pull Support of Huge Warehouse Zone Plan in Florence, Mansfield
 - Cost of Hudson Tunnel Project Could Hit Nearly \$13 Billion
 - Tropicana Acquires the Chelsea Hotel
 - Rockefeller Completes \$57M Deal in Piscataway
 - Monorail Hoists Removed from Crane Rule Compliance
 - Kearny Point's Building 197 Breaks Ground
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