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New Jersey and New York Contractor Prompt Payment Acts and COVID-19 Concerns

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ACCNJ hosted two webinars in August. The first was presented by Peckar and Abramson P.C. on New Jersey Lien Law. The second was delivered by Connell Foley on Prompt Pay. Thank you to all of the presenters. We look forward to continuing our webinar series in September.



COVID-19 Updates

Access the documents and email blasts referenced below by visiting <https://accnj.org/covid-19-updates/>.

New SBA FAQ Guidance for PPP Loans

On August 4, 2020, the Small Business Administration (SBA) released a new Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document that focuses on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness process. The FAQs provide information on the application process, expectations and more. Access the document [HERE](#).

FFCRA Considerations for Expected School Closures

In an August 28 email blast, in anticipation of school closures, we revisited important guidance related to the FFCRA and an employer's rights and obligations with respect to paid leave provided thereunder. We also provided a refresher on PPP and tax credit considerations that may arise when employees take leave.

Labor

Access the bulletins listed below under August Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Labor Day Holiday Provisions – September 7, 2020

In Bulletin 83-2020, we distributed to Active Members the Labor Day holiday provisions for each trade.

Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Waste Laborers Wage and Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 84-2020, we disbursed to Active Members the Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Waste Laborers Local No. 78 schedule of wage and fringe benefits effective September 1, 2020.

Labor Information Reference Binder Update

In Bulletin 85-2020, we sent to Active Members an updated Contract Summary, which contains the most commonly referred to work rules from the various general construction trades' collective bargaining agreements.

Government Affairs

Governor Conditionally Vetoes PLA Expansion Bill

In Bulletin 78-2020, we reported Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed S1370 / A-2607, which would have expanded the permissible use of PLAs beyond building-based public works contracts by revising the definition of “public works project” to remove the exclusion of non-building based projects. For details, access the bulletin under August Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Governor Murphy Unveils Revised FY2021 Budget Proposal

In Bulletin 87-2020, we provided to members the details of Governor Murphy's revised FY2021 Budget Address. Access the bulletin under August Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Shorts

ACCNJ's weekly "Safety Shorts" encourage collective conversation about keeping job sites safe. The calls are once a week via Zoom, and last no more than 30 minutes. The topics discussed are based on previous discussions and are open for suggestion. Contact jschiff@accnj.org for questions or more information.

On the Mondays following each Safety Short, we distribute follow-up emails with a brief recap and relevant information and guidance about the topic discussed. Look for the email blasts in your inbox.

ACCNJ Safety Day Rescheduled – September 16, 2020

As you know, ACCNJ postponed or cancelled the majority of its 2020 events, including Safety Day due to COVID-19. ACCNJ's Safety Day was to coincide

with National Construction Safety Week, which has now been rescheduled for September 14-18, 2020. With the incredible amount of effort our members have always placed on safety, heightened by this year's call to action to address COVID-19, we believe it is now, more than ever, important to recognize ACCNJ members and our labor partners for all they do to keep coworkers and craftworkers safe. To that end, we have rescheduled ACCNJ's **SAFETY DAY for September 16, 2020**. Access Bulletin 82-2020 under August Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org for more information and participation details.

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ACCNJ Webinar Series

ACCNJ's free Webinar Series has featured ACCNJ Associate Members addressing timely topics on COVID-19 related insurance and legal issues, which have been delivered in "quick hits" of no more than 45 minutes. Thank you to Peckar & Abramson and Connell Foley for our most recent engaging webinars. Join us for the next webinar of the series:

COVID SAFETY v. LABOR & EMPLOYMENT
September 15, 2020
9:00 AM

Presented by Susanin, Widman & Brennan, PC
Access the registration form [HERE](#).

Member News

New Good Neighbor Awards

Congratulations to the following ACCNJ members who had projects nominated in the 60th Annual NJBIA New Good Neighbor Awards:
Torcon, Red Bank, NJ (Project: Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine, Nutley)
Epic, Piscataway, NJ (Project: Rutgers University RWJ Barnabas Health Athletic Performance Center, Piscataway)
Holt Construction, Newark, NJ (Project: Atlantic Rehabilitation Institute, Madison)

Construction Executive's 2020 Top Construction Accounting Firms

Congratulations to the following ACCNJ members who were listed as Construction Executive's 2020 Top 50 Construction Accounting Firms:
Grassi, New York, NY
Withum, Princeton, NJ
Sax, LLP, Clifton, NJ

AGC of America

2020 AGC of America Workforce Survey

AGC of America has issued a survey to collect input for a mid-year workforce

and business outlook, similar to the annual Construction and Business Outlook survey. This survey seeks a projection of construction activities and business climate based on the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. The survey was distributed in Bulletin 81-2020 with additional details. Access the bulletin under August Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

AGC of America Member Discounts

As you know, AGC of America provides discounts on a variety of products, services and technologies, which are available to ACCNJ members. In Bulletin 86-2020, we updated members on AGC of America's newest discount partner and instructed members on how to access the other discounts available through AGC of America. Access the bulletin under August Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Economics

MarketCAST from Otteau Valuation Group

In Bulletin 88-2020, we distributed to members the quarterly edition of MarketCAST, provided by the Otteau Valuation Group. This publication includes statistics on aggregate construction spending and individual marketsector spending, as well as revised spending projections for 2020 through 2022, primarily affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Access the bulletin under August Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Communications

Seeking Member News for Fall 2020 Magazine

In Bulletin 79-2020, we reported to members ACCNJ will publish the Fall issue of New Jersey Construction in mid-November. We invite members to contribute in-house news of awards, projects, people and events important to your firm, through the Member News online form, which can be accessed [HERE](#). In addition to Member News, the magazine's "Giving Back" feature highlights the many volunteer activities of our contractors and their craftworkers. Find the Giving Back online form [HERE](#). For more information, access the bulletin under August Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Position Available

An ACCNJ member is in search of a Construction Technology Specialist (CTS) to focus on software-related service work, training, and technical support as it relates to the Construction industry. The CTS will be responsible for configuring various construction-related software systems to meet client needs, as well as helping to develop and distribute standardized customization and configuration packages. If you know of anyone that may be interested in this position, please have them email their resume to jschiff@accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- AC Electric Proposes \$220 Million Smart Grid
 - State Budget Would Restore Stockton Expansion Funds
 - UPDATE: Feds Send \$280 Million for Portal Bridge Project
 - FAA Gives Initial Approval for LaGuardia Rail Link
 - Prospective Bally's Owner Plans Capital Improvement
 - Assisted Living Development Coming to Smithville
 - Former Wildwood Landfill Site Could Open for Development
 - States See Construction Jobs Drop in July
 - July Construction Starts Fall Sharply
 - NJ Rail Infrastructure Rated Worst in Country
 - Bloomfield Middle School Could Be Repurposed Mixed-Use
 - Guttenberg Considers Arts District Mixed-Use
 - Ironbound Mixed-Use Could Be Approved in Newark
 - July Sees Construction Jobs Up Due to Residential Growth
 - Massive Mixed-Use Proposed for West Windsor
 - NJ DOT Releases \$161 Million for County Infrastructure
 - New AC Casino Group Commits \$400 Million to Capital Improvements
 - Construction Spending Drops in June
 - Paterson Approves Tax Break for Rebuilding Hinchliffe Stadium
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