



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

December 2020

In Case You Missed It



ACCNJ was pleased to participate in The Garden State MWVOB Marketplace Exchange Summit. Thank you to the NJ Office of Diversity & Inclusion as well as the NJ Economic Development Authority and NJ Supplier Diversity Development Council for the invitation and opportunity to participate.



Thank you to all who attended ACCNJ's virtual Coffee Talk Series on December 15 with Port Authority NY/NJ's Mike Wallace. We hope everyone found the presentation interesting and informative. If you missed the presentation, you can find it on the Webinars and Presentations page at www.accnj.org.



COVID-19 Updates

CDC Updates Official Quarantine Guidance

In a December 4 Email Alert, we informed members the CDC updated its [official quarantine guidance](#). The CDC is still recommending a 14-day quarantine following a “close contact” exposure. However, the updated guidance now includes two options for reducing the length of quarantine to either 10 or seven days. For more information visit accnj.org/covid-19-updates/.

Executive Order 207 - Tracking Vaccination Data

In an Email Alert distributed on December 7, 2020, we informed members Governor Murphy signed Executive Order 207, which will enhance the State's

ability to capture COVID-19 immunization data. For more information visit accnj.org/covid-19-updates/.

AGC of America Files Suit to Block PPP Loan Necessity Questionnaire

On December 9, we informed members via an Email Alert that AGC of America filed suit to compel the SBA and the OMB to revise the questionnaire being used to reassess whether companies were eligible for PPP loans. For more information visit accnj.org/covid-19-updates/.

ACCNJ COVID-19 Impact Survey and FFCRA Questions

With the increase in COVID cases, ACCNJ distributed a survey to members to assess the impact COVID-19 has had on jobsites and office spaces. We greatly appreciate any members who took the time to complete the survey.

In the same ACCNJ Email, we reminded members about what benefits employees can claim if they have exhausted their FFCRA leave. For more information on these options, visit accnj.org/covid-19-updates/.

ACCNJ Creates COVID-19 Guidance Recap

In Bulletin 118-2020, ACCNJ provided members with the newly created ACCNJ COVID-19 Guidance Matrix. In its creation, we aggregated some of the most visited topics throughout the year. The areas discussed touch on general and industry-specific COVID-19 guidance. Because the guidance will change, members are encouraged to use the hyperlinks included in the chart for access to the latest information regarding a particular concept. For more information, access the bulletin and the Matrix under December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

EEOC Issues Guidance on COVID-19 Vaccine

On December 16, 2020, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) issued guidance specific to the COVID-19 vaccine. Part 1 highlights key takeaways from that guidance and Part 2 discusses information and resources currently available on New Jersey's vaccination plan. For more information on these options, visit accnj.org/covid-19-updates/.

Labor

Access the bulletins referenced below under December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Christmas and New Year's Day Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 116-2020, we distributed to Active Members a summary of the holiday provisions for each trade for Christmas Day, Friday, December 25, 2020 and New Year's Day, Friday, January 1, 2021.

January 1 Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 124-2020, we provided to Active Members a Labor Information Reference Binder Update for the the Eastern Millwright Regional Council, effective January 1, 2021.

Government Affairs

NJ Legislature Passes Water Infrastructure Bills

In Bulletin 119-2020, we informed members the Senate and Assembly advanced several legislative initiatives that seek to address different components of the state's water infrastructure crisis. ACCNJ, alongside our labor partners, continues to identify solutions to our State's water infrastructure needs. For more information, access the bulletin under December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ-Supported EDA Tax Incentive Legislation Advances

In Bulletin 121-2020, we informed members that with ACCNJ's support, the "New Jersey Economic Recovery Act of 2020" was advanced within committee in the Assembly and the Senate this month. ACCNJ and our union labor partners have been successful in incorporating language into the bill that strengthens the contractor and craftworker requirements with which a business seeking a tax incentive for facility construction, expansion or relocation would need to comply. For more information, access the bulletin under December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Federal Spending Bill and COVID-19 Relief

In Bulletin 123-2020, we informed members Congress passed a spending bill which funds the federal government through September 2021 and includes federal COVID-19 relief components. In Bulletin 124-2020, we updated members that President Trump had signed the bill into law. With each bulletin, we provided to members AGC of America's analysis of the legislation as it affects the construction industry. For more information, access the bulletin and related documents under December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Shorts

ACCNJ's "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 information discussed is based on timely topics and are open for suggestion. Contact jschiff@accnj.org with questions or for more information.

Thank you to all who have participated in ACCNJ's Safety Shorts in 2020 and contributed to the engaging and informative conversations. We look forward to continuing the calls in 2021.

Education & Workforce Development

CIAP Career Fair – January 6, 2021

In Bulletin 98-2020, we informed Active Members of employer opportunities to participate in the CIAP Career Fair, to be held January 6, 2021. As a result of the pandemic and for the safety of all participants, we will be hosting the event virtually. For details, access the bulletin under October Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

For those unable to attend and may have opportunities for an intern this Summer, resumes can be requested by emailing jschiff@accnj.org.

Webinars and Virtual Events

ACCNJ Annual Membership Meeting and Construction Forecast

On January 13, 2021, ACCNJ will hold its Annual Membership Meeting via Zoom Webinars. At that time, we will give a brief update on the Association, followed by a presentation by Jeff Otteau, who will provide an update on the *2017 Forecast for Construction Spending in NJ*. For more information and registration information, access the bulletin under December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

On Demand Now: Bankruptcy Considerations for Construction Contractors

ACCNJ is pleased to bring you its latest installment of the Legal and Insurance Webinar Series - **Bankruptcy Considerations for Construction Contractors**. ACCNJ thanks Daniel Budorick, Esq., from associate member Peckar & Abramson, for providing his expertise on issues surrounding bankruptcy filings in the construction sector.

The On-Demand Webinar is now available using the following link: [Bankruptcy Considerations for Construction Contractors](#). This installment, along with previous installments of our Legal and Insurance Webinar Series, can be accessed on ACCNJ's [Webinars and Presentations Page](#).

Communications

Seeking Member News for New Jersey Construction Magazine

ACCNJ will publish the Spring 2021 issue of *NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION* in March 2021. In Bulletin 117-2020 we asked members to submit Member News and Giving Back activities and photos for the Spring 2021 issue. Members can submit via an online form or through email. For details, access the bulletin under December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Member Monday

In Bulletin 122-2020, we reminded members that through social media, ACCNJ continues to promote its members. We have been offering members a way to “talk about themselves” on Facebook through a feature called Member Monday. We are ramping up our efforts and will be continuing it in 2021. Every Monday, ACCNJ will spotlight one of our members on our Facebook page for #MemberMonday. We encourage you to take advantage of this fun, free and promotional service! For details, access the bulletin under December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- RFP Out for Rowan Student Center Expansion
 - Steel Prices Up Sharply, Lumber Prices Rise Again
 - Linden Seeks Proposals for Industrial Site Redevelopment
 - New Plans for Newark's Metropolitan Building
 - New Jersey to Build \$250 Million Wind Column Facility
 - New Jersey's Population Grew Slightly Over the Decade
 - Denville Medical Office Development Gains Financing
 - Construction Jobs Rise in 31 States and DC in November
 - NJ Senate Confirms Two to Gateway Development Commission
 - US DOT Issues Notice of Opp for Regional Infrastructure Accelerators
 - BLS Reports Construction Fatalities Rise in 2019
 - UPDATE: Luxury Waterpark Gets CRDA Approval in AC
 - State Revenue Up 6% Over Last November
 - Wildwood Crest Proposes \$5.3 Million Bond Issue
 - FHWA to Propose Updates to MUTCD
 - Newark Mansion Could Be Restored for Municipal Use
 - Ørsted Proposes Second Wind Energy Project Off AC
 - Non-Res Construction Bid Prices and Costs Edge Up
 - Somerville Transit Village Advances with Land Sale
 - NJ Transit Approves FTA Agreement for Portal North Bridge
 - Warehouse Considered for East Camden Site
 - NJ Bridges Rank in the Lower Half of the 50 States & DC
 - Renovations in the Works for Newark Penn Station
 - Construction Employment Shows Little Growth in November
 - Federal Reserve Reports Reveal Expected Slow Growth
 - Morristown Eyes Mixed-Use Development
 - Nearly Two-Thirds of Metro Areas Shed Jobs for Year
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