



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# MONTHLY UPDATE

February 2020



## *In Case You Missed It*

*Top:* ACCNJ hosted a half-day educational program for ACCNJ Active Members, "Is Your Company RFP-Ready?" Rebecca Moll Freed, Esq., of ACCNJ Associate Member Genova Burns, discussed best practices related to RFPs, Vendor Codes of Ethics, and MBE, WBE and DBE requirements. Thank you to Rebecca for the informative presentation and to our members who attended.



*Middle:* Professional Women in Construction hosted a Social Media Seminar presented by Rizco. ACCNJ was pleased to attend. Thanks to PWC for having us, Rizco for the educational program, and Torcon for hosting us at their offices.



*Bottom:* ACCNJ attended a Sisters in the Brotherhood meeting to explain the meaning and importance of collective bargaining, prevailing wage and other topics in the union construction industry.

*Keep up with ACCNJ events and opportunities by following us on social media: @accnjofficial.*



## ***Labor***

### **Fringe Benefit Fund Trustees & Administrators Directory**

In Bulletin 15-2020, we distributed to Active Members an updated Fringe Benefit Fund Trustees & Administrators Directory to be placed in your Labor Information Reference Binder. Access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Heavy/Highway Laborers Wage Rates**

In Bulletin 19-2020, we sent to Active Members wage & fringe benefits for New Jersey Heavy Construction and General Laborers Local Nos. 172 & 472 and the Asphalt Laborers Local No. 172. Access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Updated Business Agent Directory**

In Bulletin 24-2020, we informed Active Members ACCNJ's "Directory of New Jersey Building Trades Council and Business Agents" has been updated to be placed in your Labor Information Reference Binder. Access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Ironworkers Local No. 399 Bargaining Rights Authorization Form**

As a reminder, in Bulletin 108-19, we encouraged Active Members to complete and return the enclosed form stipulating whether to assign bargaining rights to ACCNJ for Ironworkers Local No. 399. The current agreement expires June 30, 2020. Access the bulletin and the form under October Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Government Affairs***

### **NJTA Proposes Plan to Raise Tolls to Support Capital Construction Spending**

In Bulletin 25-2020, we informed members the NJ Turnpike Authority's Commissioners are planning to raise tolls, through Board action, on the NJ Turnpike, Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway to support increased capital spending. ACCNJ signaled our support and will attend upcoming public hearings to assist in advancing the plan. For details, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **NJ SDA's "Strategic Plan"**

In Bulletin 27-2020, we notified members the NJ Schools Development Authority recently released a statewide "strategic plan" that seeks to identify the growing need for new and/or expanded school facilities. ACCNJ recently met with SDA's leadership alongside senior members of the Murphy

Administration to hear from them directly about the strategic plan. For details, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **USCIS Publishes Revised Form I-9**

In Bulletin 21-2020, we reported to members that on January 31, 2020, US Citizenship and Immigration Services published a revised version of Form I-9, the Employment Eligibility Verification form. Employers should immediately begin using the revised form, dated 10/21/2019, and after April 30, 2020, are required to use it. For details on the changes, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Congress Schedules Vote on H.R. 2427 –"The Pro Act"**

In Bulletin 18-2020, we informed members of a US House of Representatives legislative proposal that amends the National Labor Relations Act and related labor laws to extend protections to union workers. Access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Economics***

### **MarketCAST from Otteau Valuation Group**

In Bulletin 26-2020, we shared with members the quarterly report on New Jersey's construction activity from Otteau Valuation Group. For details and to read the report, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Programs and Events***

### **March Membership Meeting**

ACCNJ's next Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at the Triumph Brewing Co., Red Bank. Guests will enjoy two hours of open bar, elaborate stations and passed hors d'oeuvres. For more information and to register, access Bulletin 11-2020 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Regional Meeting**

In Bulletin 28-2020, we notified members that following the merger of BCA of Atlantic County into the Association in 2018, and the merger of BCA of South Jersey into the Association in 2019, we will begin hosting regional meetings to accommodate our increasing presence in South Jersey. The first meeting will be held April 21, 2020, 11:30am at the Seaview Resort in Galloway. For complete information and to register, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Sporting Clay Event**

Registration is now open for the ACCNJ Sporting Clay Event, Friday, April 24, 2020, at M&M Hunting and Sporting Clays, Pennsville. Continental breakfast, instruction and lunch are included. For details and to register, access the flyer under February Bulletins the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner – Save the Date!**

ACCNJ's Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner will be held on June 15, 2020, at Rockaway River Country Club, Rockaway, NJ. Look for the registration form in March.

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## **Safety**

### **NJ Work Zone Safety Conference**

In Bulletin 16-2020, we informed Active Members that the 21st Annual New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference is scheduled for April 7, 2020, at Rutgers University, Livingston Campus Center, Piscataway. The conference promotes work zone safety awareness on local and state roadways for a multi-disciplinary audience of construction, engineering, public safety, maintenance and operations personnel. Access the bulletin and registration details under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Safety Day 2020**

In Bulletin 20-2020, we announced to Active Members ACCNJ will once again host Safety Day, on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, which will coincide with National Safety Week. On that day, participating members will place a special, coordinated emphasis on safety in a variety of ways. We will also be highlighting the substantial investment in safety training and education made by union contractors and craftworkers. As part of our effort, we will be distributing Safety Day banners emphasizing this partnership. For details on Safety Day and ACCNJ's promotion of Safety Day, access the bulletin in the members-only section under February Bulletins at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **ACCNJ Safety Council**

In Bulletin 22-2020, ACCNJ announced the next Safety Council Meeting, to be held April 17, 2020, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edison. In April, we will feature the film, "Remember Charlie." Charlie Morecraft is a dynamic speaker who touches an audience through his autobiographical story, which emphasizes taking responsibility for one's actions and one's safety. For further details and to register, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Safety Recognition Program**

In Bulletin 23-2020, we reminded members of the Safety Recognition Program, designed to recognize those who have shown an exemplary commitment or random act of safety that has made them stand out for their

efforts. For more information and to nominate someone, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Education & Workforce Development***

### **Tuition Reimbursement Program Continued**

In Bulletin 17-2020, we alerted Active Members that ACCNJ's Industry Advancement Trust has approved continuing the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. For complete information, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **2020 Construction Industry Career Day – Registration Now Open**

Registration for the 2020 Construction Industry Career Day is now open. This two-day event showcases the construction industry's educational opportunities and occupations, while providing participants with hands-on activities within many of the trades. Tuesday's Open House on May 26, 4pm-8pm, is open to the public and welcomes veterans, the underemployed, unemployed, students, parents and those looking for a new career. Wednesday, May 27, 8am-1pm, is reserved for high school students attending as part of a school group. Learn more at [www.cicdnj.org](http://www.cicdnj.org).

### **CICD is Now on Instagram**

In an effort to publicize Construction Industry Career Day and the details and benefits of the event, CICD is now on Instagram as [@CICDNJ](https://www.instagram.com/CICDNJ). The page will feature pictures from past events, details of how schools used CICD grant funds and more.

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## ***Member News***

### **2020 Best Fifty Women in Business**

Congratulations to the ACCNJ members recognized by NJBIZ as the 2020 Best Fifty Women in Business:

Linda Gardner, Brent Material Company

Jennifer Borek, Genova Burns LLC

Denise Mariani, Stark & Stark

Welcome New Members

**ACCNJ welcomes the following new members, approved at the December 2019 Board Meeting:**

**Cornell & Company, Inc., Woodbury, NJ**

**HBK CPA's, Cherry Hill, NJ**

**Joseph Porretta Builders, Inc., Hammonton, NJ**

**Marino/Ware, South Plainfield, NJ**

## *Member Events*

### **Bluebeam Revu for Takeoff and Estimating Online Course**

ACCNJ member ZenTek Consultants, a certified Bluebeam Partner, is offering a Bluebeam Revu for Takeoff and Estimating online course for ACCNJ members in March 2020. This eight-hour program is delivered in four two-hour online sessions. A live instructor will explain the detailed functions and address questions as the class progresses. For details and registration, visit: <https://attendee.gototraining.com/r/4848464052981394433>

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## *Hot Topics Recap*

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

- Newark to Consider 40-Story Mixed-Use in Lower Broadway
  - NJDOL Issues Stop-Work Order to Subcontractor
  - US DOT Announces \$1 Billion in BUILD Grants
  - Burlington Township Approves Elbow Lane Warehouse
  - Hudson County Courthouse Plans Progress
  - \$30 Million Project Proposed for Pleasantville's Lakes Bay Marina
  - Possible Warehouses Coming to Mansfield
  - New Social Services Complex for Ocean County
  - More Jersey Voices Seek US Army HQ at Joint Base-MDL
  - Jersey City Block Moves Toward Redevelopment
  - Union Membership Grows in Jersey
  - UPDATE: Portal Bridge Eligible for Fed Funding
  - UPDATE: Plans Revealed for East Brunswick Rte. 18 Corridor
  - Year-End Metro Construction Jobs Still Swing Up
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