



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2020



In Case You Missed It

Top: The 18th Annual CIAP Career Fair was on January 8, 2020. ACCNJ and other participating associations worked together to help members find qualified students to work as 2020 Summer Interns.



Middle: Richard Brown, VPP Manager, US DOL OSHA, addresses the crowd at ACCNJ's Safety Council Meeting. We also heard from Mike Hennebery, Corporate Safety Director for Torcon. Richard and Mike explained the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP), which promotes effective worksite-based safety and health. Mark your calendars for our next Safety Council Meeting, April 17, 2020.



Bottom: At ACCNJ's third Diversity Council Meeting we heard from Hester Agudosi, Chief Diversity Officer of the New Jersey Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

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



FASB Disclosure

In Bulletin 12-2020, we distributed to Active Members the most current information provided to us by Fund Administrators on the various pension funds to which ACCNJ members may be party. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

President's Day Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 13-2020, we sent to Active Members information on holiday provisions for Presidents' Day Monday, February 17, 2020. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ News

Merger with BCASJ

Effective January 1, 2020, the Building Contractors Association of South Jersey has merged into ACCNJ. The merger will benefit both ACCNJ and BCASJ, providing a greater impact with labor, government leadership and agency officials.

Minutes of Annual Membership Meeting / Slate of Officers & Trustees

In Bulletin 04-2020, ACCNJ made available the minutes from the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting held Tuesday, December 10, 2019. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Government Affairs

ACCNJ Supported Bills Signed into Law

In Bulletin 07-2020, we informed members of several ACCNJ-supported initiatives that made it to Governor Murphy's desk for executive action. In Bulletin 10-2020, we updated members on which of those bills Governor Murphy signed into law. Access both bulletins under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

E-Bidding Standardization Bill Pocket-Vetoed by Governor

In Bulletin 09-2020, we reported to members that S-3137 / A-1308 was pocket-vetoed by Governor Murphy despite the bill being voted out of the General Assembly unanimously (76-0), and subsequently passing the Senate unanimously (37-0). The legislation would have standardized the public bidding process at all levels of government through electronic means. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Construction Exempt from "Mass Layoff" Law

In early January, Governor Murphy signed an update to the New Jersey WARN Act into law, requiring employers to provide severance pay and increased advance notice to most workers affected by a mass layoff or termination or

transfer of operations. ACCNJ secured language that exempts construction projects. The exclusion was included in the bill Governor Murphy signed into law in January.

Affordable Care Act's "Cadillac Tax" Repealed

The “Cadillac Tax, “ originated in the Affordable Care Act, would have been a 40% excise tax on employer-sponsored health coverage plans in which benefits exceed specific thresholds. While the tax was originally intended to only hit high-value plans, with the rising costs of healthcare the reality is that lower-value plans were projected to trigger the tax as well. The effective date of the tax was delayed to 2022, and after a major push by a diverse coalition of employers, labor unions, consumer groups and other stakeholders, including ACCNJ, the tax was permanently repealed on December 21, 2019.

Economics

Economic Impact of Construction in New Jersey

AGC of America has released its annual study of the economic impact of construction on each state. In Bulletin 08-2020, we provided members with an overview of the impact statement. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Fairness Campaign Against the Underground Construction Economy

In Bulletin 06-2020, we informed members of an initiative spearheaded by the Bricklayers and supported by ACCNJ and our trade partners to inform NJ voters about the underground construction economy and ask voters to contact their legislators. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Programs and Events

Is Your Company RFP-Ready?

On February 25, 2020, ACCNJ will host a half-day educational program for ACCNJ Active Members, "Is Your Company RFP-Ready?" ACCNJ Associate Member Genova Burns, represented by Rebecca Moll Freed, Esq., will help you understand, develop and comply with best practices related to RFPs, Vendor Codes of Ethics, and MBE, WBE and DBE requirements. The program is free-of-charge, but registration is required. Access the email blast and event flyer in the members-only section at accnj.org.

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.



Communications

2019 Bulletin Summary

In Bulletin 01-2020, we provided members with a list of bulletins from the 2020 calendar year. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Awards

In Bulletin 02-2020, we informed Active Members that the application for the ACCNJ-sponsored "Safety Awards Program" is now open. The non-competitive, recognition-driven program awards members for their safety excellence. All awards will be presented at the June Membership Meeting. Access the bulletin and application form under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

2019 National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) Program

In Bulletin 03-2020, we distributed to Active Members the program description and entry details for the National AGC of America Safety Awards (NASA) Program. The NASA Program utilizes a participant form to gather the necessary information for eligibility. For details and entry information, access the bulletin in the members-only section under January Bulletins at accnj.org.

New ANSI Standards for Mobile Work Platforms

In Bulletin 05-2020, ACCNJ informed members that effective March 1, 2020, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has issued three new standards that cover the design, safety requirements and test methods for mobile elevating work platforms. For further details, access the bulletin in the members-only section under January Bulletins at accnj.org.

Safety Council Recognition Program

At our January Safety Council meeting, we recognized two recipients of the

Safety Council Recognition Program.



Nelson Cardoso was recognized for overall safety. Nelson is a Laborer 472 foreman and has been with Simpson & Brown for five years.



Mehdi Haghshenas was recognized for site-specific safety. Mehdi is the onsite superintendent for JR Cruz's Acacia Project in Staten Island.

Education & Workforce Development

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.

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.

Member News

ACCNJ is pleased to recognize members who have been listed in *NJBIZ* as

New Jersey's Top Insurance Brokerages:

#1 Conner, Strong & Buckelew

#2 USI Insurance Services

Welcome New Members

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

ARI Products, Inc., Mt. Laurel, NJ

Arthur J. Ogren, Inc., Vineland, NJ

The Barclay Group, Riverton, NJ

MJJ Construction, Atco, NJ

Newport Construction Management Corp., Pennsauken, NJ

Pullman Services, Swedesboro, NJ

Steven A. Berkowitz & Associates, P.C., Marlton, NJ

Union County Construction Group, Inc., Gloucester, NJ

USA Environmental Management, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

School Construction

Results from Special School Construction Referenda

In Bulletin 14-2020, we distributed to members the results of the special school construction referenda held January 28, 2020. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- Redevelopment and Possible Train Station in Paterson
- PennEast Petition for Eminent Domain Decision Approved by FERC
- Hoboken Council Reviews Redevelopment Plans
- UPDATE: East Orange Brick Church Plaza Slated for Replacement
- State Construction Employment Up for Year in 34 States
- Infrastructure Grants Available from Federal DOT
- OSHA Penalties Adjusted for New Year
- UPDATE: Stockton Phase II Funds Released
- Four NJ Transit Board Members Approved
- Materials Prices Up Slightly at Year-End
- Costco Going Up at Old Cherry Hill Racetrack
- Brick Pursues Flooding Mitigation Solutions
- Redevelopment in Hainesport Could Include New Warehouse
- Applications Open for Library Bond Act Monies
- Metro Construction Jobs Increase in November
- \$13 Million Upgrades for Long Hill Sewers
- NY Trustee to Chair Gateway for 2020

