

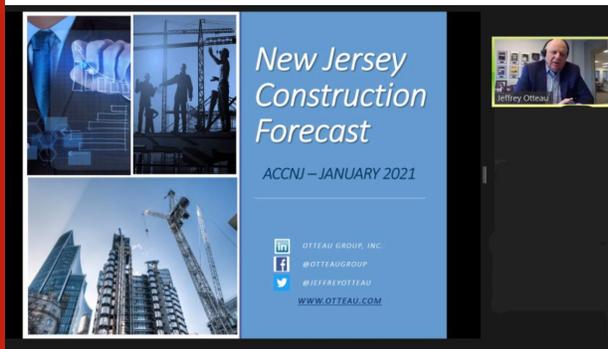


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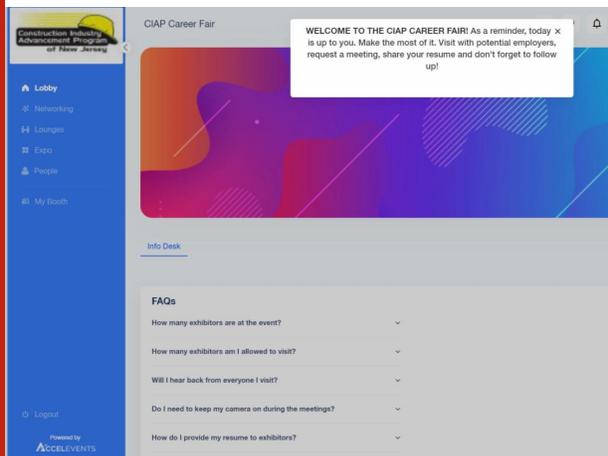
MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2021

In Case You Missed It



Thank you to all who tuned in for ACCNJ's Annual Membership Meeting via webinar. Jeff Otteau's update to the *2017 Forecast for Construction Spending in New Jersey* was engaging, eye-opening and educational.



The 18th Annual CIAP Career Fair took place on January 6. ACCNJ and other participating associations worked together to help members find qualified students to work as 2021 Summer Interns. We wish all the participating students the best of luck in the next round of the application process.



COVID-19 Updates

PPP Round 2 - Breaking Down the SBA's New Interim Final Rules

As part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act (Economic Aid Act) extended the authority of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue loans under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). On January 6, 2021, the SBA issued two Interim Final Rules (IFR) that set forth rules and procedures for the next round of PPP funding. To help members understand the changes, ACCNJ has highlighted key considerations and provisions from each IFR in

Bulletin 06-2021. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

SBA PPP Loan Processing Delays

The loan forgiveness process has been underway for the first round of PPP loans. It is our understanding that some borrowers are experiencing delays in receiving a final decision from the SBA.

ACCNJ would like to hear from members regarding their experiences with the review process thus far. If you borrowed a PPP loan under the first program, please take a moment to complete the survey. [CLICK HERE](#) to submit the survey.

Labor

Presidents' Day Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 09-2021, we distributed to Active Members a summary of the holiday provisions for each trade for Presidents' Day, Monday, February 15, 2021. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Ironworkers Local No. 11 Bargaining Rights Authorization

In Bulletin 10-2021, we encouraged Active Members to complete and return the enclosed form stipulating whether to assign bargaining rights to ACCNJ for Ironworkers Local No. 11. The current agreement expires June 30, 2021. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Government Affairs

Governor Murphy Signs ACCNJ Supported Bills into Law

In Bulletin 04-2021, we informed members Governor Murphy signed ACCNJ-supported legislation to reestablish a statewide economic incentive program and a separate piece of legislation to delay the implementation of the State's unemployment insurance fund's tax surcharge into law. For more information, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Awards Program

In Bulletin 02-2021, we announced the return of the ACCNJ sponsored "Safety Awards Program" to recognize members for their safety excellence. It is a non-competitive, recognition driven award. Should we be able to meet in person, awards will be presented at the ACCNJ June Membership Meeting, tentatively scheduled for June 15, 2021. For details and application information, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members only

section at accnj.org.

OSHA Penalties Increase

In Bulletin 07-2021, we informed members effective January 15, 2021, OSHA has updated its maximum civil penalties as published in the Federal Register. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Safety Shorts

ACCNJ's "Safety Shorts" are back! Safety Shorts encourage collective conversation about keeping job sites safe. The calls are bi-weekly 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.

Education & Workforce Development

Tuition Reimbursement Program

In Bulletin 05-2021, we informed Active Members the ACCNJ Industry Advancement Trust (IAT) has approved the continuation of the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. The courses selected must be aimed at providing job-related knowledge and skills for construction personnel in either office or field operations. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Diversity & Compliance

Certified Signatory Contractor Database

Last year, we notified members of a comprehensive database of small, minority, women, disadvantaged and veteran-owned businesses signatory with various trades that ACCNJ developed. The list was available upon request. Since that time, we updated the list and provided it to those members who had requested the original list. The list was prepared to assist Prime Contractors with meeting their subcontracting goals of small, socially and economically disadvantaged firms, established by public agencies. The spreadsheets were prepared using information provided to us by the Heavy/Highway Laborers, Local 172 & 472; Operating Engineers, Local 825; Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters; Building Laborers, Locals 3 & 77; Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Locals 4 & 5; Ironworkers, Local 11 and Ironworkers, Local 399; and compared to the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA); Division of Property Management & Construction (DPMC); Schools Development Authority (SDA); NJ Division of Revenue (within Dept. of Treasury); New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT); and NJ Transit Port Authority of NY & NJ's databases. If you have not received and would like a copy of the list dated January 12, 2021, please email cheron@accnj.org with this request.

Economics

Five-Year Construction Forecast from Otteau Valuation Group

As we announced in November, based on the devastating economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, ACCNJ, with the support of our industry partners, commissioned Jeff Otteau and the Otteau Valuation Group to research and produce a New Jersey Construction Forecast providing a five-year projection for construction spending in New Jersey. Bulletin 08-2021 has details on the study and the study's commission. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Webinars and Virtual Events

ACCNJ Services Webinar Series

ACCNJ will begin a new webinar series in February addressing the various programs and services offered by ACCNJ. Each webinar will focus on a specific service area and be presented by staff who is directly involved in that arena. We hope you will take advantage of having the appropriate staff from your company participate in these webinars, which will not exceed 30 minutes.

The first webinar of the series, on ACCNJ's Labor Relations, will take place on February 9, 2021. [CLICK HERE](#) for details and registration information.

Bluebeam Revu for Takeoff and Estimating

ACCNJ member ZenTek Consultants, a certified Bluebeam Partner, is offering an online course, "Bluebeam Revu for Takeoff and Estimating," for ACCNJ Active Members in February & March 2021. This program is delivered in four, two-hour online sessions. A live instructor will explain the detailed functions and address questions as the class progresses. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and registration.

AGC of America

AGC of America Safety Awards

In Bulletin 03-2021, we reminded members of AGC's National AGC Safety Awards (NASA) program, offered to companies that hire jobsite craft labor. The NASA program is an opportunity for members with excellent safety records to compete for nationally recognized awards. ACCNJ needs to be your "home chapter" to participate in the program through us. For more information and application details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Communications

Bulletin Summary

In Bulletin 01-2021, we distributed the 2020 Bulletin Summary, which contains the bulletins from the 2020 calendar year. If you would like a copy of any of the bulletins listed, please do not hesitate to contact the Association office. You may also access all bulletins listed via the ACCNJ

website: www.accnj.org in the members-only section.

Reminder – 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 2020 December Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hiring and Job Opportunities

Career Opportunities Available

RCC is a unique organization that offers turn-key services to their clients and the opportunity for our co-workers to work alongside professional individuals from multifaceted disciplines. They are always looking for talented team players to join their family and invite anyone who is interested to visit www.railroadconstruction.com/careers to explore their open positions.

Resume Available

ACCNJ has obtained the resume of a results-driven, detail-oriented Project Manager/ Civil Engineer in Training (EIT) with 10 years of experience overseeing the construction of a wide range of multimillion dollar construction projects. For a copy of the resume, please contact aadams@accnj.org.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- States Add Construction Jobs in December But Most Still Down from Pre-Pandemic Totals
- NJ College Gets \$1 Million Gift for Arts Center
- Steel Prices Again Rising in January
- Vineland Packaging Expansion Approved
- Construction Unions See Uptick in Membership in 2020
- Flemington Pursues Downtown Revival - Again
- Multi-Employer Pension Legislation Introduced in House
- Atlantic County Approves Bond for ACIT Expansion
- UPDATE: Jersey City Set to Select Contractor for First Phase of Bayfront Development
- Materials Cost on the Rise in December
- December Saw 51,000 New Construction Jobs in US
- Governor Signs New EDA Business Incentive Legislation
- OSHA Reminder: Form 300A Submission Deadline March 2
- Avalon Considers New Beachfront Restaurant

- UPDATE: November Construction Spending Bleak
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