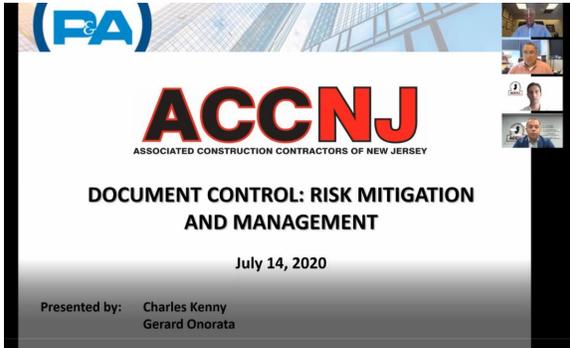




Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

July 2020



ACCNJ hosted two webinars in July. The first was presented by Peckar and Abramson P.C. on Document Control. The second was delivered by Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. on Claims Processes & Industry Outlook. Thank you to all of the presenters. We look forward to continuing our webinar series in August.



COVID-19 Updates

Access the documents, bulletins and email blasts referenced below under July Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org or by visiting <https://accnj.org/covid-19-updates/>.

Q&A: Closure of Summer Camp Guidance

In an email blast on July 1, we provided clarification on some questions that were raised with the issuance of a previously distributed Field Assistance Bulletin. You can find the guidance here: [Q&A: Closure of Summer Camp Guidance](#).

Travel Quarantine Advisory Q&A

In a July 1 email blast, we distributed a Q&A based on the State's Executive Orders and/or other guidance on the Travel Quarantine Advisory issued for individuals traveling to New Jersey.

New Jersey Unemployment Extension

On July 1, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development announced it would begin providing 20 weeks of extended unemployment to New Jersey workers who have exhausted their state and federal jobless benefits. In an email alert, we provided concise details about the announcement.

State Travel Restrictions

On July 6, we distributed an email blast with information regarding state travel restrictions during the pandemic. This source is currently cataloging the restrictions: [States with Travel Restrictions](#). We updated the Travel Matrix on July 8 and included information regarding how the Travel Advisory relates to the FFCRA. We updated the Matrix again on July 27.

Labor

NJ General Construction Trades Contract Expiration Dates

In Bulletin 75-2020, we distributed a list of Contract Expiration Dates for the New Jersey general construction and specialty trades. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](#).

Government Affairs

Governor Signs "Electronic Construction Procurement Act" Into Law

In Bulletin 73-2020, we reported Governor Murphy took executive action and signed A-3785 / S2085 (Sweeney, Oroho, Greenwald) into law. The bill establishes the "Electronic Construction Procurement Act," which sets a uniform set of bid criteria to be transmitted through electronic means for public works' projects. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](#).

NJ State Budget Bill and ACCNJ Supported Legislation

In Bulletin 68-2020, we informed members the NJ Legislature passed, and Governor Phil Murphy subsequently signed, a three-month spending plan to help the State meet basic obligations through the extended fiscal year, which now ends September 30, 2020. Additionally, we provided details on several ACCNJ-supported bills that passed through the legislature. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](#).

NJ State Budget Bill and ACCNJ Supported Legislation

In Bulletin 77-2020, we updated members that two bills opposed by ACCNJ have passed the full NJ Legislature and now await executive action by the Governor's Office. S-2380 / A-3999 concerns employment benefits and coronavirus disease 2019 infections contracted by essential employees and S-2676 / A-4389 requires certain entities authorized to issue health benefits plans to pay annual assessment. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](#).

Economics

SNJDC Construction Forecast

In Bulletin 76-2020, we provided a brief synopsis of the presentations given during the Southern New Jersey Development Council's annual construction forecast. Access the bulletin and the presentations under July Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Shorts

With New Jersey construction sites operating, ACCNJ has developed "Safety Shorts" to 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.

ACCNJ Safety Awards Recognize 45 Members

In Bulletin 69-2020, we announced ACCNJ presented 45 awards through our annual Safety Awards Program, recognizing members for their safety excellence during 2019. Members were honored for their achievements in two categories: zero lost workdays and lost workday cases with an incidence rate below the national average. We extend our sincere congratulations to these members and thank them for demonstrating an extraordinary commitment to safety. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

OSHA Safety Updates

In a July 8 safety email, we distributed a synopsis of several informative emails that were recently sent out by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA).

OSHA Issues Guidance as Non-Essential Businesses Reopen

In Bulletin 74-2020, we reported the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recently issued a compliance directive designed to ensure uniformity in inspection and enforcement procedures when addressing respirable crystalline silica exposures in general industry, maritime and construction. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Updated CDC Guidance

In a July 27 safety email, we included updated CDC guidance on self-isolation for people who test positive for COVID-19. According to the [new guidelines](#), people who are symptomatic who tested positive for COVID-19 should isolate at home for 10 days after symptoms begin and for 24 hours after their fever has broken.

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Association Offers New Outreach Source

In Bulletin 71-2020, we informed Active Members of an additional source of

outreach to Disadvantaged Business Entities in the construction industry, particularly those construction firms owned by Minorities, Women and Veterans. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Webinar Series

ACCNJ's free Webinar Series will feature Associate Members addressing timely topics on COVID-19 related insurance and legal issues. The webinars will be delivered in "quick hits" of no more than 45 minutes and will address the questions that matter to you most. All webinars will begin at 9:00 am. Thank you to Peckar & Abramson and Gallagher for our most recent engaging webinars. Join us for our upcoming webinars:

Construction Lien Law
August 11, 2020

Prompt Pay
August 25, 2020

Safety v. Labor
September 15, 2020

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Member News

ACCNJ Member Creamer Announces Leadership Change

In Bulletin 70-2020, we announced J. Fletcher "Fletch" Creamer, Jr., CEO of J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. has announced his retirement, effective in September. Effective July 1, Joe Walsh, President of J. Fletcher Creamer since 2006, is the new Chief Executive Officer, and Vice President Marty Downs, Jr. is President. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Microsoft Project Professional Course

ACCNJ member ZenTek Consultants is offering a 'Microsoft Project Professional: The Basics' course for ACCNJ members in August and September 2020. This class covers all the tools a project beginner needs, from developing project schedules, assigning resources, and editing timelines, all the way through sharing and outputting the Project for real-world use/update. 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. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Upcoming Withum Webinar

ACCNJ member Withum is hosting "Transform Your Construction Operations with Microsoft 365," on Tuesday, August 11 at 1:00 PM. In the two-part webinar series, Withum will dive into how construction companies can enable their employees to work efficiently and securely wherever they may be. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)

Communications

Advertising Opportunities in *New Jersey Construction*

In Bulletin 72-2020, we informed members of advertising opportunities in the Fall 2020 issue of *NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION*, which will be published in November. Access the bulletin under July Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Position Available

An ACCNJ member is in search of a Site Safety Manager to work as part of the health and safety staff on projects throughout New Jersey. Interested individuals should apply if they are a motivated and professional team player. The Site Safety Manager has primary on-site responsibility working with the trades to organize jobs using safe practices. Tasks include activity preplanning and hazard analysis, worker orientation, safety training, continual assessment of projects, and record-keeping. The Site Safety Manager reports to the Corporate Safety Director. Assignment may involve a single project or multiple sites. 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 July, we posted these Hot Topics at accnj.org:

- Fourth Largest Airport Grant Goes to AC
 - \$95 Million I-80/Route 15 Improvement Project Proposed
 - Construction Jobs Up for Month, Down for Year in US Metros
 - I-9 Form Document Flexibility Extended 30 Days
 - June Sees Rise Over May in State Construction Jobs
 - Another Plainfield Mixed-Use Approved
 - Plainfield Approves Mixed-Use in New Development Zone
 - US Construction Jobs Pick Up in June But Way Down from 2019
 - Construction Spending Nationwide Drops in May
 - Paterson Approves Great Falls Visitors Center Project
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