



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

June 2020



CIAP Interns are hard at work this summer. When visiting students in the field and in the office, ACCNJ staff gets to see what they have been learning and working on as part of their internship experience.



Thank you to our members who have sent photos and videos of safety efforts on job sites across New Jersey. We will continue to post these efforts on our social media pages as we receive them.



COVID-19 Updates

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

AGC of America Action Alert: PPP Flexibility

In an email alert on June 1, we asked members to take action and encourage

their U.S. Senators to pass the AGC-backed Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act. In an update on June 4, we informed members the legislation was passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate.

EDA Announces Phase 2 of Small Business Emergency Grant Program

In a June 5 email blast, we informed members the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) announced that applications for Phase 2 of the Small Business Emergency Assistance Grant Program would become available on June 9.

In-Depth Summary: Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act

In an email blast on June 9, we distributed to members a more in-depth summary of the pertinent provisions of the PPPFA provided to us by ACCNJ Member and Labor Counsel, Susanin, Widman and Brennan, P.C.

PPP Loan Forgiveness Rules

In an email alert on June 23, we notified members the SBA and Treasury have released a [revised PPP loan forgiveness application](#) as well as a [streamlined “EZ version” of loan forgiveness application](#) that may be used in limited circumstances.

Summer Program Closures Added to Emergency Paid Leave Qualifications

In a June 30 email blast, we informed members the U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) recently issued a Field Assistance Bulletin addressing paid sick or expanded family and medical leave eligibility under the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) (FFCRA). Specifically, [Field Assistance Bulletin 2020-4](#) provides guidance on when an employee qualifies to take paid leave under the FFCRA to care for his or her child based on the closure of a summer camp, summer enrichment program or other summer program for coronavirus-related reasons.

Labor

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

Ironworkers Local No. 11 Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 58-2020, we distributed to active members the schedule of wage and fringe benefits for Ironworkers Local No. 11, effective July 1, 2020.

Operating Engineers Local No. 825 Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 59-2020, we distributed to active members the schedule of wage and fringe benefits for Operating Engineers Local No. 825, effective July 1, 2020.

Independence Day Holiday Provisions

In Bulletin 60-2020, we provided to active members a summary of Independence Day holiday provisions for each trade.

Ironworkers Local No. 399 Settlement

In Bulletin 64-2020, we informed active members a new three-year agreement was reached between the Association and the Ironworkers,

effective July 1, 2020.

Ironworkers Local No. 399 Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 66-2020, we distributed to active members the schedule of wage and fringe benefits for Ironworkers Local No. 399, effective July 1, 2020.

Government Affairs

NJ Legislature Passes E-Bidding Bill

In Bulletin 67-2020, we reported the NJ Legislature unanimously passed A-3785 / S2085 (Sweeney, Oroho, Greenwald). 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. The bill is now on the Governor’s desk, where it awaits executive action. Access the bulletin under June Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NJ Transit Five-Year Capital Plan Announced

In an email alert on June 8, we notified members Governor Murphy and NJ Transit CEO Kevin Corbett joined together to announce “NJT 2030,” New Jersey Transit’s 10-year strategic plan, and equally important, “5-Year Capital Plan,” which will support projects currently planned and identify projects not funded but vitally needed in NJ. See an executive summary of the proposed five-year capital plan [HERE](#).

Portal Bridge North Update

In an email alert on June 22, we informed members the Trump administration pledged \$766.6 million in federal funds toward the Portal Bridge North project. The federal funds will be used in conjunction with \$600 million from the State and \$55 million granted to Amtrak by the Federal Railroad Administration.

U.S. House of Representatives Poised to Vote on Federal Infrastructure Spending Bill

In Bulletin 65-2020, we updated members on the “Moving America Forward Act” (H.R. 2), which includes funding for transportation projects, school facility construction, healthcare and hospital upgrade funding, water infrastructure and more. Access the bulletin under June Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Education and Workforce Development

ACCNJ Awards Scholarships Totaling More Than \$100k

In Bulletin 57-2020, we announced to members nine students were awarded scholarships by ACCNJ. In virtual scholarship ceremonies that took place in late May and early June, ACCNJ’s leadership and scholarship committees presented the nine students with a total of \$102,500. The students and their

families joined the virtual call to celebrate their achievements. Access the bulletin under June Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

AGC of America

AGC of America Discount Programs

In Bulletin 61-2020, we outlined for members AGC of America discounts on a variety of products, services and technologies, available to ACCNJ members. Recently, AGC/A announced a few new discount programs. Access the bulletin under June Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Culture of CARE

In Bulletin 62-2020, we informed members of AGC of America's new program, Culture of CARE. AGC's Culture of CARE (commit, attract, retain and empower) initiative is challenging leaders to take a bold and visible step towards ensuring their workplaces are welcoming, safe and inclusive for an increasingly diverse and talented pool of workers. To read more about Culture of CARE, Access the bulletin under June 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.

Mental Health and Suicide in Construction

In a June 17 safety email, we distributed a mental health awareness video created by the Southwest Carpenters Union. We ask viewers to replace the word "carpenter" with coworker, family, friend. You can watch the video [HERE](#).

ACCNJ Highlights from EEOC Guidelines Published as of June 17, 2020

The US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) continues to provide guidance on various employment issues developing as a result of COVID. The complete EEOC guidelines can be accessed here: "[Complete EEOC Guidelines](#)". For convenience, ACCNJ has reviewed the Q&A guidelines published as of June 17 and summarized a few central themes that may be helpful to our members, which we distributed in a safety email on June 19.

OSHA Issues Guidance as Non-Essential Businesses Reopen

In a safety email on June 22, we informed members of OSHA's [GUIDANCE](#) to assist employers reopening non-essential businesses and their employees returning to work during the evolving coronavirus pandemic.

A Message from ACCNJ on Face Coverings

In June 30 safety email, we distributed a letter, that was also distributed to

labor leadership, asking for assistance in encouraging craftworkers to consistently and safely use face coverings. You can read the letter [HERE](#).

ACCNJ Webinar Series

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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 Jay Sciortino of Construction Risk Partners for an engaging webinar on June 30, which gave an overview of coverage considerations for insurance policies potentially implicated by COVID-19. Join us for our upcoming webinars:

Risk Management Within the Contract
July 14, 2020

Insurance Part 2 - COVID-19:
Claims Process & Industry Outlook
July 28, 2020

Construction Lien Law
August 11, 2020

Prompt Pay
August 25, 2020

Safety v. Labor
September 15, 2020

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ACCNJ Updates

New Staff Position

In Bulletin 63-2020, we announced the addition of a new staff position, Legal and Insurance Affairs Director. Access the bulletin under June Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Alliance for Action Board of Directors

ACCNJ is pleased to announce Michael A. Travostino, ACCNJ Government Affairs Director, has been appointed to the Alliance for Action Board of Directors.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- Construction Jobs Rise Again in Most Metro Areas in May
 - AGC Survey Reports Highway Work Zone Dangers
 - UPDATE: Ocean County Approves New Social Services Complex
 - NJ Governor Announces Offshore Wind Port
 - Construction Jobs Bounce Back in May
 - Amazon Proposes Facilities in Kearny, Teterboro
 - Most Metro Areas Lose Construction Jobs in April
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