



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# MONTHLY UPDATE

May 2020



ACCNJ members and labor partners were invited to ACCNJ's webinar hosted by Jeffrey Otteau of Otteau Valuation Group, COVID-19 Effects on the Construction Industry. Thank you to all who joined us on May 14. We hope you learned something of value and are better prepared for the future of the industry.



WELCOME TO THE  
2020 ACCNJ SCHOLARSHIP

AWARDS PROGRAM

May 26, 2020

On May 26, ACCNJ's Executive Board, Scholarship Committees and staff met virtually to celebrate the achievements of this year's scholarship recipients who were also on the call with their families. This year, ACCNJ gave out \$85,000 in scholarships to children and grandchildren of members.

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.





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## COVID-19 Updates

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

### **Form I-9 Announcement: COVID-19 Temporary Policy for List B Identity Documents**

In an email blast on May 4, we informed members DHS has issued a temporary policy regarding expired List B identity documents used to complete Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification.

### **AGC of America Calls on US Dept. of Treasury for Clarity on PPP Guidance**

In a May 4 email blast, we informed members AGC of America called on the Secretary of the Treasury to provide more clarity regarding its recent guidance warning firms of future audits and potential legal risks for companies that apply for loans through the Paycheck Protection Program. On May 13, we informed members AGC of America succeeded in securing guidance from Treasury.

### **OSHA's New Video and Poster on Proper Workplace Usage of Respirators**

In an email blast on May 6, we distributed to members OSHA's new video and poster for employers and workers on how to properly wear and remove a respirator as well as other useful links from OSHA.

### **AGC Urgent Action Alert – PPP**

On May 7, ACCNJ, in conjunction with AGC of America, asked members to tell the Trump Administration and Congress to fix Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans to save construction jobs by submitting a message through the provided link.

### **Return to Work Policy**

In a May 7 email blast, we distributed our in-house "Return to Work Policy," with hopes that it would be helpful guidance for members to incorporate into their own plans.

## **Reopening New Jersey**

In an email alert on May 7, we notified members Governor Murphy extended the COVID-19 public-health emergency by 30 days, keeping restrictions in place through at least June 5, 2020.

## **Governor Murphy's Restart and Recovery Advisory Council**

On May 8, Governor Murphy signed E.O. #140, which announced the formation of a statewide council of leaders to advise on New Jersey's economic restart related to COVID-19. ACCNJ's CEO Jack Kocsis has been appointed by Governor Murphy to serve on "New Jersey's Restart and Recovery Advisory Council."

## **ACCNJ COVID-19 Impact Survey Results**

On May 12, we distributed to active members the results of ACCNJ's COVID-19 Impact Survey. Thank you to all who took the time to respond.

## **Non-Essential Construction Restrictions Lifted in New Jersey**

On May 13, we reported to members Governor Murphy's plans to lift restrictions on non-essential construction on May 18. We updated members shortly thereafter with information on Executive Order #142, officially lifting restrictions on non-essential construction.

## **Executive Order #142 Posting Requirements**

Governor Murphy's Executive Order #142 lifting the restrictions on non-essential construction requires construction sites to post the operative section of the order as it relates to construction. In an email blast on May 14, we distributed to members a sign to post on job sites in a PDF and PowerPoint format.

## **AGC of America Virtual Construction Supervision Fundamental (CSF) Courses**

On May 13, we informed members of AGC of America's Virtual Construction Supervision Fundamentals (CSF) Course taking place June 2 - 25, 2020. The interactive course allows the building trades and craft workers to experience construction supervision techniques firsthand and create a professional development plan to achieve personal career goals.

## **Highlights: Otteau Group Webinar – COVID-19 Effects on the Construction Industry**

On May 14, 2020, ACCNJ hosted a Webinar presented by Jeff Otteau, focusing on various economic issues and particularly the impact of COVID19 on the construction industry. On May 18, we distributed highlights of the webinar for those who were unable to listen in.

## **AGC of America Comments to SBA on PPP Loan Implementation**

On May 19, we informed members AGC of America provided comments to the Small Business Administration to address issues with the Interim Final Rules implementing PPP loans and with the PPP Loan Forgiveness Application.

## **OSHA Adopts Revised Enforcement Policies for Coronavirus**

In a May 21 email alert, we notified members OSHA has adopted revised policies for enforcing OSHA's requirements with respect to coronavirus as economies reopen in states throughout the country.

### **CohnReznick: PPP Forgiveness Webinar for Contractors**

ACCNJ Associate Member CohnReznick has released an on-demand webinar, which is now available for contractors regarding maximizing PPP forgiveness, tracking costs and other issues. [Watch the webinar here.](#)

### **NIOSH Respiratory Protective Device Information**

On May 22, we distributed to members NIOSH Respiratory Protective Device Information.

### **PPP Loan Forgiveness Rules**

On May 25, we informed members the SBA issued several important interim final regulations on the Paycheck Protection Program including loan forgiveness, loan review procedures and second extension of limited safe harbor.

### **Overview of the Latest PPP Regulations**

In a May 27 email blast, we notified members AGC of America recently released their analysis of the SBA's recent interim final rules (IFRs) on PPP loan forgiveness, safe harbor and loan review process. They present the information in an accessible and organized manner and include any legislative or regulatory updates on specific areas of interest relating to these IFRS.

### **OSHA Issues Guidance to Help Construction Workers During Pandemic**

In a May 28 email blast, we notified members OSHA launched a [webpage](#) with coronavirus-related guidance for construction employers and workers. The guidance includes recommended actions to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus. *It is not a standard or regulation, and it creates no new legal obligations.*

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## **Labor**

### **Bricklayers, Locals 4 & 5 Announce New Leadership**

With the retirement of Richard E. Tolson as Director of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Administrative District Council, New Jersey, Locals 4 & 5 effective June 2, 2020, be advised that John F. Capo will assume the position of Director and Kevin B. Duncan the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

ACCNJ members and staff have valued the long standing working relationship we have shared with Rich Tolson over the last several decades and wish him the best of health and happiness in his retirement. We look forward to maintaining the productive and interactive relationship with both John Capo and Kevin Duncan as we work together as partners for the good of the union construction industry.

### **Memorial Day Holiday Provisions**

In Bulletin 52-2020, we provided to active members a summary of Memorial Day holiday provisions for each trade. Access the Bulletin under May Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Tile Marble Terrazzo Local 7 Wage and Fringe Benefits**

In Bulletin 53-2020, we distributed to active members the schedule of wage and fringe benefits for the Tile Marble Terrazzo BAC Local 7. Access the Bulletin under May Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Government Affairs***

### **NJTA and SJTA Toll Adjustments Pass**

In Bulletin 55-2020, we notified members the Board of Commissioners for both the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the South Jersey Transportation Authority passed toll adjustment proposals to fund a 10-year capital program. In an email alert on May 28, we updated members that Governor Murphy signaled his support with letters of approval to both agencies. Access the bulletin under May Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **NJ Senate Committee Approves ACCNJ's Standardized Bidding Bill**

In Bulletin 56-2020, we reported ACCNJ-supported legislation, S-2085 (Sweeney, Oroho), which calls for the mandated use of electronic bidding for all public works agencies with a defined set of bid criteria, was unanimously approved by the Senate Community and Urban Affairs Committee. Access the bulletin under May Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Economics***

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

In Bulletin 54-2020, we distributed to members the quarterly edition of MarketCAST, provided by the Otteau Valuation Group. This publication includes statistics on aggregate construction spending and individual market-sector spending, as well as revised spending projections for 2020 through 2022, primarily affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Access the bulletin under May Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## ***AGC of America***

### **AGC of America Work Zone Safety Survey**

Each year AGC of America surveys highway and transportation members about the state of highway work zone safety. Their intent is to measure the extent, and impact, of highway work zone crashes, their impacts on the safety of construction workers and motorists and their impacts on highway construction. AGC of America and their survey partner HCSS are asking all highway and transportation members to complete the following [online survey](#) by Monday, June 22nd.

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## ***Diversity and Compliance***

### **Port Authority Virtual Programming for MWDBE/V Firms**

In an email blast on May 29, we informed members the Port Authority

Terminal One Redevelopment Outreach Team is hosting a series of virtual programming during the month of June for Minority-, Women-, Disadvantaged- and Veteran-Owned firms. For more information on the events and to register, visit the [Port Authority of NY & NJ Events Page](#).

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## *Position Available*

### **Estimator Position Available**

An ACCNJ member is in search of a full-time estimator to provide complete and comprehensive bid documents including take-offs and cost analysis for all aspects of each bid. The position requires soliciting bids, speaking to project owners and developing a discipline for updating a bid database as well as assisting other team members with cost analysis. The job is located in Sayreville, NJ. If you know of someone who would like to submit a resume for this position, please have them forward it to Leigh-Ann Brannigan at [lbrannigan@accnj.org](mailto:lbrannigan@accnj.org).

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## *Hot Topics Recap*

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

- Edgewater Mixed-Use Could Be Back in the Plans
  - Lavish Water Park Planned at the Showboat
  - Portal Bridge Project Gets \$55 Million Federal Grant
  - Only South Dakota Sees Uptick in April Construction Jobs
  - Capital Improvement Budget Approved in AC
  - Evesham Approves Assisted Living for Marlton Executive Redevelopment
  - Feds Grant \$800,000 for Camden Brownfields Cleanup
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