



RAISING THE STANDARDS IN CONSTRUCTION



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Labor

Bargaining Rights Authorization

In Bulletin 108-18, we sent Bargaining Rights Authorization forms to Active Members for the Carpenters, Building Laborers, Bricklayers and Dockbuilders. As our Collective Bargaining Agreements with these trades expire April 30, 2019, and Association Agreements provide more beneficial conditions with various contract terms and conditions, we strongly encourage Active Members to assign bargaining rights to ACCNJ for the trades they employ. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Carpenters Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 118-18, we distributed to Active Members the latest schedule of wages and fringe benefits for the Keystone Mountain Lakes (KML) Regional Council of Carpenters, effective November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Dockbuilders Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 122-18, we emailed Active Members the latest schedule of wages and fringe benefits for the Dockbuilders Local No. 1556, effective November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Teamsters Wage & Fringe Benefits

In Bulletin 115-18, we issued to Active Members the latest schedule of wages and fringe benefits for Teamsters Local Nos. 408, 469 and 560, effective

November 1, 2018, through April 30, 2019. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Carpenters Business Agent Directory Changes

In Bulletin 112-18, we distributed to Active Members an Addendum to the “Directory of New Jersey Building Trades Council and Business Agents” to reflect the changes following the dissolution of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters and merger into the KML Regional Council. The Addendum pages replace three pages in the Directory sent to Active Members in March. The complete updated Directory may be downloaded from the members-only section at accnj.org.

Holiday Provisions – Election Day and Veterans’ Day

In Bulletins 117-18 and 119-18, we sent Active Members summaries of how each trade recognizes Election Day on Tuesday, November 6, and Veterans’ Day, November 12 (observed). Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Government Affairs

President Signs Water Infrastructure Bill

In Bulletin 121-18, we told members of President Trump’s signing of the \$8.1 billion America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. In addition to authorizing \$3.7 billion for Army Corps of Engineers projects, the bill reauthorizes the EPA’s state revolving loan fund program for drinking water projects for the first time since 2003, along with the EPA’s WIFIA loan program. For complete details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Recognition Program

In Bulletin 123-18, we announced the kickoff of our latest program – the Safety Recognition Program – designed to identify individuals who have shown an exemplary commitment to or random act of safety, making them standouts for their efforts. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

AGC of America Safety Excellence Awards

In Bulletin 116-18, we sent Active Members the announcement from AGC of America of its 20th Annual Construction Safety Excellence Awards, which recognize companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and loss-prevention programs, as well as showcasing companies that have achieved continuous improvements and maintenance of their safety and health management systems. *Deadline to apply for an award is December 14,*

2018. For complete details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

OSHA Updates Trench Safety Initiative

As we announced in Bulletin 109-18, OSHA has updated its National Emphasis Program on preventing trenching and excavation collapses in response to a recent hike in trenching fatalities around the country. Effective October 1, the NEP began a three-month period of education and prevention outreach, which will be followed by enforcement activities. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org and visit www.osha.gov for further information.

OSHA 30-Hour Courses – *November 6, 13, 20, 27*

As we announced in Bulletin 99-18, ACCNJ will host the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Health & Safety Course on November 6, 13, 20 & 27 (consecutive Tuesdays) at the Association office in Edison. For complete details and the registration form, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Construction Safety Courses

For those interested in registering craftworkers for safety courses offered by the general construction trades at their training centers, please contact the Association office.

Education & Workforce Development

UPDATE: Summer Internship Program

Last month we announced online applications for the CIAP summer internship program were open (deadline was October 15). In Bulletin 111-18, we updated Active Members on the next steps:

- Student applicants are scheduled for pre-interviews during November and December.
- Contractors may meet selected applicants at a Job Fair on January 9, 2019, at the Pines Manor, Edison.

For more details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Tuition Reimbursement Program Continued

In Bulletin 37-18, we alerted Active Members that ACCNJ's Industry Advancement Trust has approved continuing the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Special School Construction Referendum Results

In Bulletin 110-18, we distributed the results of the special school construction elections on October 2. Fifteen districts held elections for 15 proposals, of which nine were approved, five rejected and one is still pending official decision. In total, \$174.9 million was approved, 50% of the proposed. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Update on AGC Pension Fund Initiatives

In Bulletin 113-18, we updated members on AGC of America's latest efforts to resolve the multiemployer pension funding crisis. AGC sent two letters to the US Senate's Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans listing priorities for consideration. For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

NJ Veterans Chamber Procurement Expo – November 8

Via email, we alerted Active Members of the NJ State Veterans Chamber of Commerce Procurement Expo on Thursday, November 8, 9 am to 5 pm at the Pines Manor in Edison. The goal of the Expo is to connect supplier diversity personnel with Veteran-owned businesses. To register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nj-state-veterans-chamber-of-commerce-launch-procurement-expo-tickets-49210951280?aff=ehomecard>.

ACCNJ Events

Coffee Talk Series with SDA CEO – December 4

Join us for the latest in ACCNJ's Coffee Talk Series, a candid discussion with Lizette Delgado-Polanco, CEO of the NJ Schools Development Authority, on December 4, 9-10:30 am at the Association office in Edison. While there is no charge to attend, registration is required. Access the flyer under October Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

ACCNJ Annual Meeting – December 11

In Bulletin 120-18, we invited all ACCNJ members to the Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at The Clubhouse at Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth. The evening begins with a cocktail hour at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and program at 6:30 pm. We're pleased to announce Senate President Steve Sweeney will be our guest speaker, addressing recently passed economic development initiatives. For the registration form, access the bulletin in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Communications

ACCNJ's Instagram Contest Has a WINNER!

ACCNJ is pleased to continue growing our social media presence on Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. We are using our social media platforms to share information and updates about our activities and the New Jersey union construction industry in an interactive way. Throughout September and October, ACCNJ held an Instagram contest for Active Members to share photos of their construction sites. ***The winner of the contest, Shoreline Specialties, received two registrations to our December Membership Meeting for showcasing their work at Santander Bank in Newark.*** Thank you to our members that participated in the fun. Be on the lookout for future contests and stay updated on all things ACCNJ by following us at [@accnjofficial](https://www.instagram.com/accnjofficial).

“Industry Studies” on Members-Only Web Page – Now available!

As we previewed in the September Monthly Update, we have added an “Industry Studies” section in the members-only section at [accnj.org](https://www.accnj.org). This section will house documents and studies commissioned by ACCNJ and our industry partners. In its own slot under Bulletins, the Industry Studies section now holds these publications:

- 2018 ACCNJ Construction Forecast Study
- 2018 ACCNJ Construction Forecast (PowerPoint Presentation)
- 2017 NJCA Final Report – DBE Capacity Analysis
- 2016 NJ Underground Economy Report
- Underground Economy Report Executive Summary

Year-End Journal

In Bulletin 105-18, we invited members to show support for the Association through ads in our Souvenir Journal, to be distributed at the Membership Meeting on December 11. You may choose to support ACCNJ Political Action Committee (ACCNJ PAC) or the Association itself. ***Deadline for submissions is November 13.*** For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](https://www.accnj.org) or see the back cover of this Update.

Hot Topics Recap

In October, we posted these Hot Topics at [accnj.org](https://www.accnj.org):

- Year-Over-Year, Construction Employment Falls in NJ Metros
- Studies Show How to Reduce Silica Dust
- UPDATE: Ocean County Mall Redevelopment Plan Approved
- New Jersey Construction Job Numbers Plummet
- Mixed-Use May Rise at Hoboken/Jersey City Border
- UPDATE: Jersey City Approves Bond for Bayfront Land Purchase
- Construction Materials Prices Jump in September
- EPA Announces \$332 Million Clean-Up of Berry's Creek

- Freight Bridge Between Newark and Kearny May Be Replaced
 - Rutgers Camden Plans New Business School Building
 - FAA Reauthorization Approved for Five Years
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