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Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# MONTHLY UPDATE

September 2018 *REVISED*

## *Industry Events*

### ACCNJ Releases DBE Capacity Study

In response to the difficulties prime contractors face in hiring diverse subcontractors with the capacity to complete large projects, ACCNJ and our New Jersey Construction Alliance partners commissioned EuQuant, an Atlanta-based economics research company, to do a capacity analysis of certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in New Jersey. This first-of-its-kind study in New Jersey was based on DBEs certified by NJ Transit and NJDOT. The Executive Summary of the study was sent to members in February 2018, followed by a presentation in April. EuQuant presented the findings to the New Jersey Construction Alliance and the Agencies in September. The complete study will be available in October, at which time we will advise all members.

### Five-Year Construction Forecast Highlighted at Fall Convention

In Bulletin 103-18, we recapped Jeffrey Otteau's presentation of the latest forecast of construction activity in New Jersey, one of the keynote events at the ACCNJ Fall Convention in September at Ocean Place in Long Branch. The bulletin and PowerPoint presentation may be accessed in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### E-Verify Announces and Retracts Expansion of DMV Access

In Bulletin 106-18, we issued news from E-Verify about expanded access to the records in state motor vehicle departments. However, E-Verify retracted its announcement the next day. Through emails with E-Verify representatives, we learned the expanded access will likely occur in Spring

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## **Member News**

### **Welcome New Members**

At the ACCNJ Board of Trustees meeting on September 6, the following seven companies were approved as new members. We will feature them in the Fall 2018 issue of *New Jersey Construction* magazine, due out in December, and look forward to seeing them at ACCNJ events.

3M Personal Safety Division - St. Paul MN  
Kane Communications LLC - Trenton  
Northwestern Mutual - Latham NY  
United Rentals Inc./Trench Safety - Elizabeth  
USG Corp. - Chicago IL  
Zack Painting Co., Inc. - Fords  
ZenTek LLC - Ocean

### **CORRECTION – ACCNJ Member Firms Recognized in *NJBIZ***

We inadvertently omitted the names of some of the ACCNJ members recognized in *NJBIZ*'s "Top 250 Privately Held Companies." We apologize for the error and present the complete list:

#### ***Top 250 Privately Held Companies***

#27 Weeks Marine Inc.  
#31 Jingoli-DCO  
#32 Torcon Inc.  
#60 Epic Management Inc.  
#62 WithumSmith+Brown PC  
#70 Vericon Construction Co. LLC  
#89 Vollers  
#93 Bayshore Family of Companies  
#96 Wm. Blanchard Co.  
#106 Connell Foley LLP  
#130 Boswell Engineering  
#142 Haztek Inc.  
#155 Smolin, Lupin & Co., PA  
#156 Walker Diving and Underwater Construction  
#162 J.R. Prisco

These ACCNJ members were recognized in *NJBIZ*'s "Top Veteran-Owned Businesses."

#### ***Top Veteran-Owned Businesses***

#1 Walker Diving and Underwater Construction  
#5 Berkowsky and Associates Inc.

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## **ACCNJ Events**

## Public-Private Partnerships Program – October 30

All members are invited as ACCNJ, Peckar & Abramson and AIAI present “What are Public-Private Partnerships?” on October 30, 9:30 am in the Carpenters Training Center, 75 Fieldcrest Ave., Edison (behind the Association office building). Following up on successful passage of the P3 law, the program will address the definition of a P3 project, components of the new statute and how it could be used effectively in New Jersey, and where construction managers, general contractors, subcontractors and suppliers fit within the P3 landscape. While there is no charge to attend, registration is required by October 19. Access the flyer under September Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### *Save the Date*

#### **ACCNJ Annual Meeting – December 11**

We look forward to seeing you at the Membership Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at The Clubhouse at Galloping Hill Golf Course, Kenilworth. Program information and registration will be distributed soon.

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## *Safety*

#### **ACCNJ Safety Council Meeting – October 19**

In Bulletin 95-18, we distributed registration information for the next ACCNJ Safety Council meeting, scheduled for Friday, October 19 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Edison, starting at 11:30 am. We welcome Andy DeLair QSSP, Senior Territory Sales Manager and Fall Protection Specialist for MSA Safety, who will provide an interactive Fall Protection Demonstration covering full body harness, shock absorber technologies, lanyards, self-retracting lanyards, anchorage connectors, and rescue. We remind participants to dress appropriately as the educational portion of the program will be held outside (weather permitting). Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

#### **USDOL Announces New Office of Compliance Initiatives**

In Bulletin 104-18, we reported USDOL’s new Office of Compliance Initiatives. A primary goal of the initiatives is to help well-intentioned employers operate within the law, thus allowing USDOL to target its enforcement resources on repeat and willful violators. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

#### **OSHA Introduces “Tip of the Week”**

On September 24, OSHA implemented a website feature that will offer a brief safety tip every week to help employers and workers prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. Each tip will link to further resources. Visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) for more 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](http://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.

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## ***Education & Workforce Development***

### **Applications for Summer Internship Program Now Open**

In Bulletin #102-18 we announced the online application for the CIAP summer internship program opened on September 15 and will remain open until October 15. Eligible Active Members will be notified of the dates for the Career Fair. If you know of any student who would be interested in applying, please share the guidelines found in the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://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](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Communications***

### **Join ACCNJ's Instagram Contest – You Could WIN!**

As we announced in Bulletin 107-18, we are pleased to have grown our social media presence to LinkedIn and Facebook this month. 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 is hosting an Instagram contest. The winner of the contest will receive two registrations to our December Membership Meeting. See the guidelines on our Instagram page [@accnjofficial](https://www.instagram.com/accnjofficial).

### **“Industry Studies” Coming to Members-Only Web Page**

In an effort to ease navigation in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org), we will be adding an “Industry Studies” section. This section will house documents and studies commissioned by ACCNJ and our industry partners. We will alert members when it's available.

### **New Jersey Construction Magazine – Fall 2018**

In Bulletins 100-18 and 101-18, we encouraged all members to contribute Member News, Award-Winning Projects and Giving Back activities for the next issue of *New Jersey Construction*, which will come out in December. ***Deadline for submissions is October 10.*** Access the bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### Year-End Journal

In Bulletin 105-18, we invited members to show your support for the Association through advertisements 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](http://accnj.org).

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## ***Hot Topics Recap***

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

- Governor's EO Forms Partnership for Revitalizing Trenton
  - AC's CRDA Zoning Office to Reside at City Hall
  - Hearings for New PBGC Head Canceled Yesterday
  - New Jersey Metro Areas Shed Most Construction Jobs in August
  - PATCO's Franklin Square Station in Philly Gets Redesign
  - NJ Again Loses Construction Jobs While Most States Gain
  - UPDATE: Redeveloper Selected for Voorhees Mall
  - Mixed-Use Coming to 440 in Jersey City
  - Merchantville Downtown Eyes New Housing and Retail
  - Stockton Considers \$41 Million Science Center
  - Trenton Receives Grant for Innovation Campus
  - UPDATE: Jersey City Mixed-Use to Include Synagogue
  - UPDATE: Jersey City Industrial Site Sold for Mixed-Use
  - Construction Materials Rise Again in August
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