



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2023

## *In Case You Missed It*



ACCNJ hosted its first Safety Council Meeting of 2023, where Frank Conidi presented “The Top 10 Fall Protection Misuses and How to Handle Them.”

Thank you to everyone in attendance, and we will look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting in April.



Thank you to all who participated in a successful 2023 CIAP Career Fair. Selected students interviewed with potential employers to secure summer internships.

We look forward to a summer of educational experiences for these great candidates.



## *Labor*

Access the bulletins listed below under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Carpenters Agreement Available**

In Bulletin 06-2023, we informed Active Members the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters new Collective Bargaining Agreement that went into effect May 1, 2022, is now available on the ACCNJ website.

### **Contract Expiration Dates List**

In Bulletin 08-2023, we distributed to Active Members a list of Contract Expiration Dates for the New Jersey general construction and specialty trades, which has been updated as of January 2023.

### **Presidents' Day Holiday Provisions**

In Bulletin 10-2023, we provided Active Members with details on Presidents' Day holiday provisions for each of the general construction trades.

### **Wage & Fringe Benefits**

In Bulletin 12-2023, we distributed to Active Members information regarding the February 1, 2023, Wage & Fringe Benefits for Asbestos, Lead and Hazardous Waste Laborers Locals 3 & 77.

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## ***Safety***

### **ACCNJ Safety Awards Program**

In Bulletin 02-2023, we informed Active Members ACCNJ will once again sponsor a "Safety Awards Program" to recognize members for their safety excellence. It is a non-competitive, recognition driven award. Access the Bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org) for more details and application information.

### **AGC of America Safety Awards Program**

In Bulletin 03-2023, we notified Active Members of the National AGC of America Safety Awards Program (NASA). We distributed the program description and instructions for entry. Access the Bulletin and all NASA information under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org) for more details and registration information.

### **Safety Update**

In a [January 16 Safety Update](#), we informed safety professionals that OSHA Region 2 Compliance Assistance Specialists are presenting a free OSHA Recordkeeping & Injury Tracking Application (ITA) webinar on February 2, 2023, 10:00am. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Additionally, we distributed information on the [New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference](#), which will take place on April 6, 2023.

### **OSHA Civil Penalties Act**

In Bulletin 09-2023, we informed Active Members the U.S. Department of Labor announced changes to Occupational Safety and Health Administration civil penalty amounts based on cost-of-living adjustments for 2023. Access the Bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org) for details.

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## ***Government Affairs***

### **Expedited Construction Inspections**

In Bulletin 04-2023, we reported to members Governor Murphy signed ACCNJ-supported legislation into law allowing for third-party construction inspections to be performed. Access the Bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org) for more details and registration information.

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## *Education & Workforce Development*

### **Tuition Reimbursement Program**

In Bulletin 05-2023, we informed Active Members the ACCNJ Industry Advancement Trust (IAT) has approved the continuation of the Tuition Reimbursement Program for eligible, full-time employees of ACCNJ member firms that contribute to the IAT. The courses selected must be aimed at providing job-related knowledge and skills for construction personnel in either office or field operations. For details, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## *Legal & Insurance*

### **Recreational Use of Marijuana -- Employment Issues**

In Bulletin 11-2023, we provided members with a recap of the employment issues surrounding the recreational use of marijuana. The Bulletin includes a synopsis of the State's activities and the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission Interim Guidance. Access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## *Communications*

### **2022 Bulletin Summary**

In Bulletin 01-2023, we distributed the 2022 Bulletin Summary, which contains the bulletins from the 2022 calendar year. If you would like a copy of any of the bulletins listed, please do not hesitate to contact the Association office. For more information, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## *Events*

### **March Membership Meeting**

In Bulletin 07-2023, we announced ACCNJ's March Membership Meeting. Join us on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 5:00 pm, at the Triumph Brewing Co., Red Bank, NJ. For details and registration information, access the bulletin under January Bulletins in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## *Industry News*

**Newly Named Partners of Susanin Widman & Brennan PC.**

Congratulations to our friends Elizabeth Schlax and Jennifer Abrams on being named partners of [Susanin, Widman & Brennan, PC](#).

### **New Chief Engineer and Deputy Chief Engineer Named at PANYNJ**

ACCNJ was recently made aware that after 36 years of exemplary service, including the last seven years as Chief Engineer, **James Starace**, P.E. will retire from the Port Authority, effective January 27. Congratulations to **M. Rizwan Baig**, P.E., who has been appointed Chief Engineer and **Amanda Rogers**, P.E., who has been named Deputy Chief Engineer.

### **New Jersey Announces \$350M for School Construction**

Governor Murphy has announced the upcoming availability of \$350 million for high-priority capital projects in school districts throughout New Jersey. Starting January 30, over 550 Regular Operating Districts will be eligible to apply for a grant to address critical operational building needs. For more information, access the [press release](#).

### **Practical Construction Use for Bluebeam Revu**

ACCNJ Associate Member ZenTek Consultants will show you the most effective means of using Revu for construction work so you can get the efficiency and intelligence you need from Revu. This eight (8) hour course is delivered in four (4), two-hour long sessions that students can attend online, right from their own desk. A live instructor will explain the detailed functions, and address questions as the class progresses. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

### **January Member Mondays**

ACCNJ features members on our [Facebook](#) page and [LinkedIn](#) on Mondays. Check out this month's Member Mondays, featuring [Bell Supply Inc.](#), [Metal Structures, Inc.](#), and [EDA Contractors](#).

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