

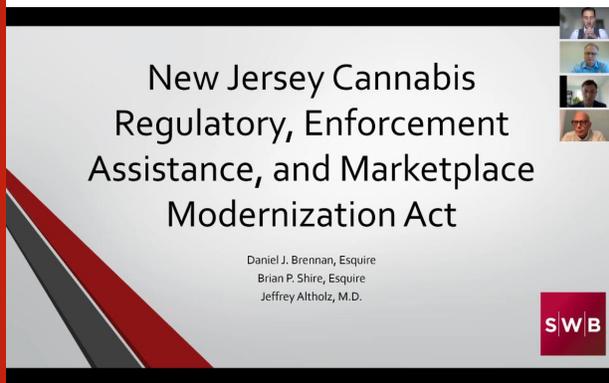


Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

MONTHLY UPDATE

March 2021

In Case You Missed It



Thank you to all who tuned in for ACCNJ's webinar on "NJ Recreational Marijuana: Considerations for Contractors." We hope the analysis of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory, Enforcement Assistance, and Marketplace Modernization Act helped attendees understand what the law means for the construction industry as it currently stands. Please contact the Association Office with any additional questions. Members can view the webinar at accnj.org on the Webinars and Presentations page.



ACCNJ's Chief Operating Officer Darlene Regina was honored by the New Jersey Chapter of Professional Women in Construction as a "Woman of Achievement." Darlene has given more than 40 years of hard work and expertise to ACCNJ and the New Jersey construction industry. ACCNJ staff proudly congratulates Darlene for this well-deserved honor.



COVID-19 Updates

American Rescue Plan Act Signed Into Law

In an ACCNJ Alert distributed on March 12, we informed members President Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act (the "Act") into law on March 11, 2021. The Act makes several changes to existing COVID relief programs. Some of the programs impacted include voluntary FFCRA leave, the Paycheck

Protection Program and Employee Retention Tax Credits.

COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility Expanded

In an ACCNJ Alert distributed on March 26, we notified members Governor Murphy announced expanded COVID-19 vaccination eligibility beginning April 5, 2021, which will include construction workers. For more information about eligibility, statewide vaccination site locations, and to preregister for a vaccine, visit <https://covid19.nj.gov/vaccine>.

Labor

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

Wage & Fringe Benefits Asphalt Laborers No. 172

In Bulletin 23-2021, we administered to Active Members information regarding the March 1, 2021 Wage & Fringe Benefits for Asphalt Laborers No. 172.

Labor Information Reference Binder Update

In Bulletin 26-2021, we informed Active Members ACCNJ’s “Directory of New Jersey Building Trades Council and Business Agents” has been updated. This document should be placed in your Labor Information Reference Binder under the “Business Agent Directory” section.

Fringe Benefit Fund Trustees & Administrators Directory

In Bulletin 28-2021, we distributed to Active Members an updated Fringe Benefit Fund Trustees & Administrators Directory that should be placed in your Labor Information Reference Binder, under the Fringe Benefit Fund Trustees & Administrators Directory section, replacing that dated February 2020.

Government Affairs

Overview of the American Rescue Plan Act

In Bulletin 29-2021, we provided members with an overview of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The \$1.9 trillion COVID-response bill contains several components of potential importance to the construction industry. For more information, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

American Rescue Plan Act — Pension Relief

In Bulletin 32-2021, we distributed to members an outline of some of the main high-level concepts contained in the American Rescue Plan Act relative to relief for failing multiemployer pension plans, which can be found in the Emergency Pension Plan Relief Act of 2021 (“EPPRA”). For more information, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Safety

ACCNJ Safety Day

In Bulletin 18-2021, we announced ACCNJ will host Safety Day on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, which will now coincide with Construction Safety Week. On that day, participating members will place a special, coordinated emphasis on safety in a variety of ways. For details on activities and participation, access the bulletin under February Bulletins in the members only section at accnj.org. If you have an interest in participating, please contact the Association Office.

Work Zone Safety Conference

The Work Zone Safety Partnership is pleased to announce its 21st Annual New Jersey Work Zone Safety Conference, scheduled for April 21, 2021. The event will be held virtually.

The Conference promotes work zone safety awareness on local and state roadways for a multi-disciplinary audience of construction, engineering, public safety, maintenance and operations personnel.

Please access the [CONFERENCE FLYER](#) for details and how to register.

ACCNJ Safety Shorts

Have you joined us for ACCNJ's "Safety Shorts"? Safety Shorts encourage collective conversation about keeping job sites safe. The calls are bi-weekly via Zoom, and last no more than 45 minutes. The information discussed is based on timely topics and are open for suggestion. Contact jschiff@accnj.org with questions or for more information.

COVID-19 National Emphasis Program

In Bulletin 33-2021, we informed members OSHA has issued a [COVID-19 National Emphasis Program \(NEP\)](#) to ensure that employees in high hazard industries or work tasks are protected from COVID-19 hazards. For more information, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members only section at accnj.org.

OSHA Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction

In addition to ACCNJ's Safety Day and Construction Safety Week, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced it has scheduled the eighth annual National Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction for May 3-7, 2021. OSHA encourages construction employers and other stakeholders to join the event to promote awareness and training to address one of the industry's most serious dangers. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Education & Workforce Development

ACCNJ Scholarship Program – *Deadline Extended*

In Bulletin 21-2021, we offered the 2021 ACCNJ Scholarship Program. The scholarship program is aimed at assisting employees of ACCNJ active member firms with their children's and grandchildren's higher education needs. The program also offers the John F. Donohoe Scholarship, a scholarship opportunity for current civil engineering students. Additionally, as we continue to work within the confines of the pandemic, we have extended the

deadline for high school students to submit their Participation Intent Form for the ACCNJ Scholarship Program to April 15, 2021. For details, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Tuition Reimbursement Program

As a reminder, in Bulletin 05-2021, 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.

Webinars and Events

ACCNJ Services Webinar Series

ACCNJ's Association Services webinar series will continue to address the various programs and services offered by ACCNJ. Each webinar will focus on a specific service area and be presented by staff who is directly involved in that arena. We hope you will take advantage of having the appropriate staff from your company participate in these webinars, which will not exceed 45 minutes.

The next webinar of the series, on ACCNJ's Safety Services, will take place on April 13, 2021. [CLICK HERE](#) for details and registration information.

ACCNJ's Golf Tournament and Dinner

Let's get back into the swing of things! Registration is open for ACCNJ's Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner, which will take place on June 7, 2021, at Rockaway River Country Club. The day will consist of lunch, followed by golf, a dinner reception and prizes. Contact the Association Office for registration information. Don't wait – few spots remain!

IMI Interior Design & Installation Webinar Series

Through our partnership with the International Masonry Institute (IMI), ACCNJ members are invited to attend their upcoming webinar series. The interactive tile, marble, and terrazzo webinar series to learn the latest design and installation practices. Participants can earn up to 3 AIA LUs/HSWs. Please feel free to share this with anyone in your organization that would benefit from attending. There is no cost, however, registration is required. [CLICK HERE](#) for details and registration.

AGC of America

AGC of America Member Engagement Resources

In Bulletin 34-2021, we notified members of a new web page created by AGC of America to provide members with a guide to maximize membership with our national association. For details, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Communications

2020 Annual Report

In Bulletin 25-2021, we informed members the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey's 2020 Annual Report, which captures the activity of our organization and shows the achievements of the Association, is now available digitally [HERE](#). For details, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

New Jersey Construction Magazine —

Advertising and Member News Opportunities

ACCNJ will publish the Summer 2021 issue of *NEW JERSEY CONSTRUCTION* in July 2021. In Bulletin 27-2021, we notified members of opportunities to support the magazine with your advertising. The deadline for ads for the Summer issue is May 11, 2021.

Additionally, in Bulletin 31-2021 we asked members to submit Member News and Giving Back activities and photos for the Summer 2021 issue. Members can submit via an online form or through email. For details, access the bulletins under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Changes to ACCNJ's Website

In Bulletin 30-2021, we advised members of changes to the password-protected pages on ACCNJ's website. For details, access the bulletin under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Economics

MarketCAST from Otteau Valuation Group

In Bulletin 22-2021, we informed members Jeff Otteau and the Otteau Valuation Group have issued the next quarterly report on New Jersey's construction activity. The MarketCAST for Q4 2020 statistics on aggregate construction spending and individual market-sector spending as well as spending projections for 2021 through 2023 is available. For details, access the bulletin in under March Bulletins in the members-only section at accnj.org.

Hiring and Job Opportunities

Position Available

A central New Jersey construction firm is seeking a full-time payroll processor. This position is responsible for accurate payroll data entry into automated payroll system for a weekly cycle. The use of Excel spreadsheet data entry is also required. This position will work in a fast-paced environment where prioritizing and accuracy will be the key to success. A full benefit package is offered. For more information on this position, please contact aadams@accnj.org.

Resume Available

ACCNJ has obtained the resume of a mechanical engineer in search an entry-level position where knowledge of mechanical and electrical systems, a rigorous work ethic, and a commitment to safety and workplace integrity can

contribute to a highly functioning construction/engineering team. For a copy of the resume, please contact aadams@accnj.org.

Resume Available

ACCNJ has obtained the resume of an individual in search of a position as a superintendent. For a copy of the resume, please contact aadams@accnj.org.

Resume Available

ACCNJ has obtained the resume of a recent industrial engineering graduate in search of employment. The individual is willing to travel and/or relocate. For a copy of the resume, please contact aadams@accnj.org.

Construction Technology Teaching Opportunity

The Bergen County Technical Schools anticipates an opening in the Fall of 2022 for a Teacher of Construction Technology. This position is a full time tenure track opportunity. Please contact aadams@accnj.org for a copy of the job description and the necessary requirements a candidate must have in place.

Hot Topics Recap

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

- Construction Jobs in February Still Below Pre-COVID Levels
 - US DOT's Buttigieg Promises Movement on Gateway Project
 - AC Approves Exploring Car Racing and Mixed-Use for Bader Field
 - Hamilton Township Considers New Warehouse Proposal
 - Construction Jobs Drop in Two-Thirds of Metro Areas for Year
 - Second Round of Library Funding Announced
 - UPDATE: Stockton AC Phase II Funding Approved
 - Residential-Medical Mixed-Use Planned for Newark
 - Jersey City Police Station Gets New Design
 - Most States Still Haven't Recovered Construction Jobs
 - Construction Materials Prices Up Again in February
 - Adventure Crossing Expands Into Warehouses
 - Millville Approves Expansion of Food Processing Plant
 - US Sheds 61,000 Construction Jobs in February
 - Weehawken's Mixed-Use Developer Releases Renderings
 - Kearny Site Sold for Distribution Center
 - North Wildwood Plans Bulkhead and Sea Wall Changes
 - January Nonres Spending Rises After Months of Decline
 - Funding Approved for Hinchliffe Stadium Redevelopment in Paterson
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