



Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey

# MONTHLY UPDATE

September 2023

## *In Case You Missed It*



Thank you to all who attended ACCNJ's 2023 Fall Convention at Harrah's Resort in Atlantic City!

We greatly appreciate our amazing sponsors, attendees, and speakers for a successful event!

Be sure to check out the photo feature in the next issue of the ACCNJ Magazine.

We look forward to next year!



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## *Labor*

**Bargaining Rights Authorization Form --**

**Laborers Local Union Nos. 172 & 472 and Asphalt Laborers Local No. 172**

In Bulletin 68-2023, we informed Active Members the collective bargaining agreements between the Associated Construction Contractors of New Jersey and Laborers, Local Union Nos. 172 and 472, and Asphalt Laborers Local No. 172 expires on February 29, 2024. Access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org) for further details with regard to your bargaining rights

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## *Government Affairs*

### **Increase in New Jersey Construction Spending**

In an [ACCNJ Alert](#) distributed on September 11, 2023, we informed members Governor Murphy announced an additional \$875 million in spending for New Jersey construction projects. The funds will be administered to the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT), NJ TRANSIT, and the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (NJSDA). Access the [Alert](#) for more information.

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## *Safety*

### **October Safety Council Meeting**

As a reminder, in Bulletin 64-2023, we announced ACCNJ will host its next **Safety Council Meeting** on October 13, 2023, at the ACCNJ Offices, Edison, NJ at 11:30am. This is a great opportunity for our safety community to exchange ideas, meet up with old friends and connect with new industry safety professionals.

For details, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## *Economics*

### **MarketCAST Q2 2023**

As commissioned by ACCNJ, Jeff Otteau and the Otteau Valuation Group have issued the next quarterly report on New Jersey's construction activity. In Bulletin 66-2023, we provided a brief synopsis of the report as well as MarketCAST for Q2 2023 with data from the first two quarters of this year and annual forecasts on construction spending. For more information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

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## *Education & Workforce Development*

### **Summer Internship Program -- Online Application Now Open!**

In Bulletin 67-2023, we reminded members ACCNJ works within the CIAP structure to offer a summer internship program to all eligible active members. Applications for CIAP are now open for students through an online process ([www.ciapofnj.org](http://www.ciapofnj.org)) and close October 15, 2023. If you know of any student that would be interested in applying for an opportunity to participate, please feel free to share the program guidelines with them. For more information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](http://accnj.org).

### **Summer Internship Program -- Contractor Registration / Career Fair**

In Bulletin 69-2023, we invited Active Members to join us for the CIAP Career Fair, scheduled for January 10, 2024. It will be held in-person at Forsgate Country Club, Monroe Twp., New Jersey. For more information, access the bulletin in the members-only section at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org).

### **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 in the members-only section at [accnj.org](https://accnj.org).

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## **Events**

### **ACCNJ Beef & Bourbon Event**

Join us on October 25, 2023, at Blu Grotto in Oceanport for ACCNJ's Beef & Bourbon Event. Registration includes a four-course menu with bourbon pairings. Access the [registration form](#) for more information.

### **Build America Buy America Webinar**

On October 19, 2023, ACCNJ will be hosting a Build America, Buy America webinar, which will take an in-depth look at the guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to provide members with pertinent information prior to the October 23rd effective date. Access more information and registration details [HERE](#).

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## **Member News**

### **Microsoft Excel for Construction Scheduling & Estimating**

As a reminder, ACCNJ member ZenTek Consultants is hosting another session of their Microsoft Excel course to show you the most effective ways of using Microsoft Excel in a construction environment. This eight-hour program is delivered in four, two-hour long sessions that students can attend online. Classes begin on October 4. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

### **Bluebeam Revu for Beginners**

ACCNJ member ZenTek Consultants, a certified Bluebeam Partner, is offering an online course, "Bluebeam Revu for Beginners" for ACCNJ Active Members. This program is delivered in four, two-hour online sessions. A live instructor will explain the detailed functions and address questions as the class progresses. All classes will be held from 8-10am throughout November. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register.

### **September Member Mondays**

ACCNJ features members on our [Facebook](#) page and [LinkedIn](#) on Mondays. Check out this month's Member Mondays, featuring [William Walter Construction Group LLC](#) and Kazimar Industrial Service, Inc.

### **Hot Topics**

Follow along with ACCNJ's [Facebook](#) page and [LinkedIn](#) page for real-time Hot Topics. September's Hot Topics included:

- Construction Has Highest Overdose Mortality Rate Of All Jobs
- New Jersey Awarded \$425M In Federal Funds For Transit Projects

- Construction Employment Rises In 45 States & D.C. From August 2022 To August 2023
  - Construction Employment Increases In 223 Of 358 Metro Areas Between August 2022 And August 2023 As Contractors Try To Keep Up With Demand
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