

**Building  
Contractors  
Association  
of New Jersey**

**MONTHLY UPDATE**

**July 2009**

**Labor Binder Update**

So as to ensure your labor binder contains the most updated information, please make certain you received and replaced the following:

B-#67-09    Ironworkers  
                  Wages & Fringe Benefits  
                  7/1/09 - 6/30/10

**BCANJ Annual Gala Dinner**

Invitations were distributed in July for BCANJ's Annual Gala Dinner on October 22, 2009, at The Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset, with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. This year's program will honor, as "Construction Man of the Year," Joseph McNamara, Director of NJ Laborers'-Employers' Cooperation & Education Trust and NJ State Laborers' Health & Safety Fund. *Included in your invitation was a registration form for the Souvenir Journal. Checks for Journal insertions should be made payable to BCANJ PAC.* If you have questions, please call the BCANJ office at 732.225.2265.

**BCANJ and Building Trades**

As the construction industry in New Jersey suffers deeply from the recession, BCANJ continues to work with our labor partners in the New Jersey Building Trades to address contract concessions in 2010. We will keep you updated.

**BCANJ PAC Cigar Night**

Invitations have been sent for the BCANJ Political Action Committee's Cigar Night on Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 5:30 p.m. at Eagle Oaks Golf Club, Farmingdale. Sponsorships are available for the evening, which will feature exquisite cigars, premium cocktails and an outstanding buffet dinner. *Please note that all checks for the event must be made payable to BCANJ PAC.*

**Upcoming Events**

Check our website, [www.bcanj.com](http://www.bcanj.com), plus your mail and e-mail during the next few months for information on these BCANJ sponsored events:

**BIM Classes**

Based on your response to our survey, BCANJ will host classes for our members on Building Information Modeling (BIM), starting with *BIM: 101 - An Introduction to Building Information Modeling*. The curriculum will be provided by AGC of America.

**Construction Project Management Certificate Programs**

Registration is open for fall classes in the Construction Project Management Certificate programs at Rutgers University and Richard Stockton College. For more information, visit [www.ccpd.rutgers.edu](http://www.ccpd.rutgers.edu) or <http://intraweb.stockton.edu/eyos/page.cfm?siteID=114&pageID=12>.

**BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine**

Look for Vol. II-09 of BCANJ's BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine, coming out in August. This issue features an analysis of New Jersey's Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Law seven years after passage.

In addition, you'll find reviews of this year's Construction Industry Career Day and the inaugural INSTALL Symposium, an article on the viability of the latest Fairleigh Dickinson "Concrete Canoe," two pieces to help you weather the recession, and introductions to the latest crop of outstanding scholarship recipients.

We've also included news from our Labor Management Cooperatives and thought-provoking columns from our regular contributors.

**Fort Monmouth Update**

In 2006 the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority (FMERPA) was formed to develop a reuse and redevelopment plan for the Fort Monmouth site once it is vacated in September 2011.

The site covers 1,127 acres in the towns of Tinton Falls, Oceanport and Eatontown. On July 17, 2009, at the Monmouth County Alliance for Action meeting, FMERPA Deputy Director Richard Harrison gave an update. The focus of the plan is to create a

sustainable technology community with mixed-use business centers, municipal centers, residential developments, a green tech center and more. Construction of the 20-year redevelopment plan will cost an estimated \$1 billion and create close to 8,000 construction jobs. The presentation can be viewed online at [http://www.nj.gov/fmerpa/library/presentations/090617\\_rhpresent.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/fmerpa/library/presentations/090617_rhpresent.pdf).

### **Top Green Contractors**

*Building Design and Construction* announced its list of contractors who recorded the largest dollar value for green building projects during the past year. Six BCANJ members were included in the top 75:

#1 *Turner Construction Co.*  
Somerset

#6 *Bovis Lend Lease*  
Princeton

#7 *Gilbane Building Company*  
Lawrenceville

#9 *Skanska USA Building, Inc.*  
Parsippany

#14 *Hunt Construction Group*  
Jamesburg

#74 *URS Corp.*  
New York

### **PSEG Nuclear Plant Update**

On July 20, 2009, PSEG Nuclear LLC delivered a presentation on the operations of the Salem and Hope Creek plants. This program centered on the future plans of PSEG Nuclear, including license renewal and the construction of a new nuclear reactor. In addition to BCANJ's attendance, representatives from government and labor also participated in the nuclear overview and policy discussion.

### **Legislative News...**

For information on key legislative issues, please refer to the enclosed report.

### **Safety News...**

#### ***Executive OSHA 30-Hour Safety Training***

Per bulletin B-#63-09, BCANJ will host an Executive OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Training Course on September 15, 22 and 29, 2009 (consecutive Tuesdays), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Association office in Edison. We encourage our members to send management teams to enhance a culture of safety throughout your organizations. A *registration form is enclosed.*

#### ***OSHA Focuses on Safety in Stimulus Projects***

OSHA is in the process of preparing a "special emphasis program" on safety for projects funded by the American

Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Of particular interest is the “green building” segment for which few best safety practices have been developed.

Another issue of concern is the tight schedule to which many federal stimulus projects must adhere so as not to lose funding. To handle the task of inspecting both stimulus and non-stimulus projects, OSHA plans to hire 30 more safety inspectors by year-end. The 2010 budget allows for hiring a total of 130 new inspectors.

### ***New OSHA Chief Proposed***

Late in July, President Obama announced he intended to nominate David Michaels to be the new chief of OSHA, replacing acting head Jordan Barab. Dr. Michaels is interim chair of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health at George Washington University’s School of Public Health. An epidemiologist by training, he is also the director of GWU’s Project on Scientific Knowledge and Public Policy. BCANJ will continue to track developments at OSHA.

## **Labor News...**

### ***National Union Representation***

More than 16% of construction workers were union members in 2008, according to a report from the Construction Labor Research Council. Using data from the Bureau of Labor

Statistics, the report states union representation among construction workers rose to 16.2%, up from 14.4% in 2007 and 13.6% in 2006.

### ***NJ Construction Unemployment***

From June 2008 to June 2009, the construction industry in New Jersey lost 24,100 jobs, down 14.6% for the year.

## **Resume on File...**

**Assistant Project Manager.** This individual completed a B.S. degree in Construction Engineering Technology at Fairleigh Dickinson University in December 2008, and has spent the last year working as Assistant Project Manager for a New Jersey building contractor. Previous work experience includes scheduling, reviewing shop drawings for custom steel fabrication, welding and fabricating, onsite field installation and customer service. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Outlook and ProLog. For a copy of the resume, please contact the BCANJ office at 732.225.2265.

## **Labor Day**

Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 7, 2009. It is a holiday for the general construction trades. Please refer to the Contract Summary in your labor information binder for provisions regarding holidays.