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MONTHLY UPDATE

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Labor Binder Updates

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

B-#70-12 REVISED Wages & Fringe Benefits
Northern NJ Ironworkers
Effective 8/1/2012

B-#74-12 Wages & Fringe Benefits
Work Rules
Laborers' Demolition Work
Effective 7/1/2012

B-#78-12 Contract Summary
Effective 9/1/2012

Annual Gala Dinner

Tables, PAC sponsorships and Souvenir Journal ad space are still available for the jointly hosted BCANJ and AGC of NJ Gala Dinner on Thursday, October 18, 2012, at The Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset. We encourage you to show your support by attending this important event as we salute our Association contractor members, who have been responsible for much of New Jersey's built environment.

In addition, we look forward to hearing from our invited guest speakers Governor Chris Christie and Senate President Stephen Sweeney.

New Contract Conditions for Ironworkers, Local No. 11

In Bulletin #73-11, we reviewed the contract terms agreed upon under the new three-year agreement with AGC of New Jersey, Construction Contractors Labor Employers (CCLE) and Trade Employers Bargaining Association of New Jersey, Inc. (TEBA). Some of the favorable changes in work rules include:

- No shift differential for an irregular shift that is worked for at least five days' duration;
- Foreman is no longer required as the first employee, but rather when there are two or more employees;
- A Saturday may be used as a make-up day for days lost due to inclement weather or a Friday when four 10-hour days are worked;
- Effective January 1, 2013, the procedures for making Fund contributions (Pension Fund, Welfare Fund, Vacation Benefit, Apprentice Training Fund, Annuity Fund, Industry Advancement Fund, District Council Fund and Impact Fund) shall consist of Employer Remittance Reports being filed with the Fund one week after the Employer's prior weekly pay period. Fringe benefit payments, for the aforementioned Funds, shall be paid by the fifteenth (15th) day of the month

following the month covered by such weekly reports providing the employer submits to the Union a surety company bond in the amount of \$75,000 for up to 24 employees and \$150,000 for more than 25 employees;

- Full portability of workforce within the Northern New Jersey District Council;
- Foremen and Superintendents who are employed through a holiday no longer receive triple time, but rather double time.

Access the bulletin in the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website.

2013 AGC/Alliant Build America Awards Still Open

The AGC/Alliant Build America Awards competition, honoring AGC member firms who build the most impressive projects in the United States each year, is open for entries *until November 2, 2012, 5:00 p.m. EST*. Member companies are encouraged to submit multiple entries.

This year, BCANJ member Hall Construction won an Alliant Build America Award for the firm's Empty Sky New Jersey 9/11 Memorial in Jersey City, featured in the upcoming *BUILDING CONTRACTOR* Magazine, Volume II-12. Register online at www.agc.org by clicking on Alliant Build America Awards 2013.

BCANJ Members on NJBIZ Top Accounting Firms List

The following BCANJ members appeared on the NJBIZ 2012 List of 50 Top Accounting Firms in New Jersey, based on the number of CPAs in the state:

- #5 J.H.Cohn LLP
- #7 WithumSmith+Brown P.C.
- #10 Wiss & Co. LLP
- #13 Smolin, Lupin & Co. P.A.
- #17 WeiserMazars LLP

Coffee Talk with NJ DCA

In August, we sent all BCANJ and AGC of NJ members a flier inviting you to attend our next Coffee Talk on September 14, 2012, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Association Offices. The program will feature Charles A. Richman, Deputy Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, who will provide updates and information on DCA's Division of Codes and Standards.

As you know, the division establishes and enforces building codes in partnership with the state's municipalities to protect the health and safety of New Jersey residents, including enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code. Mr. Richman will also cover topics related to DCA's Division of Local Government Services.

While there is no charge to attend the program, space is limited and pre-

registration is required. A light breakfast will be served. Please e-mail your company name, the names of attendees and a contact e-mail address to akopin@bcanj.com, and call the BCANJ office at 732.225.2265 if you have questions.

Safety News...

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

Legislative News...

Governor Signs Construction Bills

In Bulletin #71-12, we reviewed four construction-related bills signed into law by Governor Chris Christie on August 8, 2012. The bills cover matters pertaining to November's \$750 million bonding issue to fund capital projects at New Jersey's colleges and universities; extending the public-private partnership option for the construction of state and county college facilities; increasing tax credits under the NJ EDA's Urban Transit Hub program; and establishing a grant program to rebate sales tax paid for purchase of materials used in the construction of off-track wagering facilities. For details, access the bulletin online at www.bcanj.com.

New Federal Contractor Regulation

In Bulletin #72-12, we told you of a new federal regulation in effect as of August 27, 2012, requiring federal contractors to

report names and total compensation of the five most highly compensated officers of the company under certain circumstances. In addition, the rule sets forth a requirement to report their first-tier subcontractor's top five paid executives under certain circumstances. A prime contractor must report this information for itself and/or for its first-tier subcontractor when either contractor received 80% or more of its annual gross revenues from federal contracts, or subcontracts and \$25 million or more of its annual gross revenues from federal contracts or subcontracts. *The bulletin is available on the BCANJ website.*

Labor News...

Apprenticeship Anniversary

August marked the 75th anniversary of the National Apprenticeship Act of 1937, also known as the Fitzgerald Act, created to promote labor standards to protect the welfare of apprentices. The Advisory Committee on Apprenticeships, the federal group charged with expanding apprenticeships into all sectors of the economy, has 27 members, including Liz Elvin, Senior Director of Workforce Development at AGC of America, who was reappointed in July.

Young Immigrants Get Reprieve

Announced in June, the initiative to allow young undocumented immigrants to apply for a two-year reprieve from

deportation officially began August 15, 2012. The program, called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, also allows applicants to obtain work permits, and thus a valid Social Security number and the right to apply for a driver's license, professional certification and financial aid for college.

Featured Website Advertiser

When visiting www.bcanj.com during September, you will see our featured website advertiser: Salomone Redi-Mix of Wayne, NJ. By clicking on the logo, which will appear on the scroll throughout the site, you will be directed to the firm's web page. As always, we encourage you to support Salomone Redi-Mix and our Associate Members.

Mark Your Calendar...

Unit 2: BIM Technology

This two-day course will be held October 25 & 26, 2012, at the Association Offices in Edison. Participants can earn 16 GBCI CE hours or 16 AIA LUs toward their continuing education credits. Program details and registration information will be distributed shortly.

Annual Membership Meeting

The final membership meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. Look for registration information or check our website as the event approaches.