

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

February 2013

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-#17-13 Wages & Fringe Benefits
 Asbestos Lead & Hazardous
 Waste Laborers Local No. 78

FASB EIN Correction

In Bulletin #18-13, we issued a correction to the EIN number for the NJ Carpenters Pension Fund as it was printed in Bulletin #107-12, sent in December. If you have questions, please contact BCANJ.

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Reminder:

March Meeting & Merger Vote

BCANJ members are encouraged to register for the Membership Meeting to be held jointly with AGC of New Jersey on ***Tuesday, March 19, 2013, 5:30 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls-Eatontown, NJ.***

At that meeting, general contractor members in good standing will be asked to vote on the merger between BCANJ and AGC of NJ and on the constitution and by-laws that will govern the new association.

In addition, Associate Members are invited to participate in table top displays. For more information and a registration form for the March meeting, please access Bulletin #13-13 on the "Members Only" page on our website, www.bcanj.com.

2013 Negotiations Update

As you are likely aware, collective bargaining agreements with the Carpenters, Laborers, Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers and Dockbuilders expire on April 30, 2013. During the month of March, we will begin formal negotiations with each of these trades. On February 7, 2013, a special program was hosted for Association Members to review management's preliminary strategy in approaching this year's contract negotiations. As talks progress, we will keep you advised.

Student Summer Work Program

Bulletin #23-13 detailed the 2013 Student Summer Work Program and included the program guidelines and a request form. With increased enrollment at our participating universities and a notable reduction in available jobsites for placement, *once again, the program will not accept direct contractor submission for student participation.* Only those students placed by BCANJ will be eligible. Access the bulletin on the "Members Only" page of our website or call the BCANJ office at 732.225.2265.

***BUILDING CONTRACTOR* Magazine**

Per Bulletins #20-13 and #21-13, we sent forms so you can easily publish your company's in-house news and employment opportunities in our *BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine*, Volume I-2013, scheduled for

distribution in April. ***If you have not yet submitted your firm's information, please do so as soon as possible.*** You may use the forms attached to the bulletins, available on the "Members Only" section of our website, or e-mail us at jschiff@bcanj.com.

Per Bulletin #22-13, we invited you to submit your organization's experiences in "Giving Back" to your community. With your contribution, you help us recognize the remarkable men and women of our industry who participate in charitable activities. Complete and submit the form attached to the bulletin, available on our website, and look for the Giving Back column in *BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine*, Volume I-2013.

Coffee Talk Rescheduled

Third time's a charm...After twice canceling our Coffee Talk with NJ Schools Development Authority CEO Marc Larkins, first because of weather and then illness, we have now rescheduled it for March 15, 2013, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. at the BCANJ office in Edison. While there is no charge to attend the program, space is limited and pre-registration is required. Please complete and return the flyer we distributed via e-mail this month.

BCANJ Presidents' Scholarship Program

The BCANJ 2013 Presidents' Scholarship program is open as of March 1, 2013. Announcements will be sent to all active members, while applications and supporting documentation will be

accessible online or by contacting the Association office. Please look for this information and be sure to circulate it to your employees. The deadline for completed applications is May 1, 2013.

Save the Date: NJ Concrete Awards

The 50th Annual New Jersey Concrete Awards is scheduled for May 9, 2013, at The Heldrich, New Brunswick, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. This year's Awards will honor BCANJ member Jack Macedo of Macedos Construction Co. *For your convenience, we have enclosed a registration form.*

BCASJ Hosts Construction Economics Seminar

BCANJ members are invited to "The Long Road to Recovery: No One Liked the Recession. Some Are Going to Hate the Recovery," a seminar hosted by BCA of South Jersey and presented by Thomas C. Schleifer, Ph.D., author of *Construction Contractors' Survival Guide*. The seminar is scheduled for April 26, 2013, 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon in the Tiberius Room at Caesars, Atlantic City. The seminar will cover warnings and information construction professionals need to know, including the importance of the pace of recovery, how to measure competitive pressure, strategies that work during a recovery, how to deal with your bank and bonding company, and how to take advantage of the recovery and not let the recovery take advantage of you. *A program flyer is enclosed.*

Society of American Military Engineers Contracting Event

SAME New Jersey Post is sponsoring "Federal Contracting Opportunities: A/E/C/Environmental FY 2013 and Beyond," April 4 & 5, 2013, at Newark Liberty Marriott. Speakers from GSA, the US Army Corps-New York and Philadelphia Districts, Joint Base MDL, US Coast Guard, US EPA and others will be available for networking. To register, visit www.samenj.com.

Safety News...

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

Labor News...

Union Membership Slipped in 2012

In 2012, per the Bureau of Labor Statistics, 13.2% of the seven million private-sector union members worked in construction, second only to transportation and utilities. That figure is down from 14.8% recorded in 2011.

Mass Release of Immigrants

ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) this month released hundreds of detainees from detention centers across the country in anticipation of sequestration budget cuts. Deportation cases have not been dropped, but the immigrants are free on supervised release. While ICE did not reveal how many immigrants were released nor where they had been incarcerated, immigrant advocates report some were released from the detention center in Hudson County.

Government Affairs Report...

Executive Order on Storm Relief Oversight

Governor Christie's Executive Order 125, released this month, added layers of oversight to the expenditure of federal Superstorm Sandy reconstruction resources. The action is designed to implement safeguards ensuring resources are utilized properly and distributed through a transparent process. For details, refer to Bulletin #24-13 on the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website.

NJ DCA To Take Prominent Role in Federal Storm Aid Distribution

As we discussed in Bulletin #25-13, the NJ Department of Community Affairs will ultimately play a large role in receiving and distributing federal storm aid. DCA is currently focused on assisting New Jerseyans who suffered catastrophic residential damage and revitalizing the state through robust economic development packages. For specifics, access the bulletin on the "Members Only" section of www.bcanj.com.

Governor Unveils FY 2014 Budget

On February 26, 2013, Governor Christie delivered his FY 2014 budget address, proposing \$32.9 billion in spending for the year that begins on July 1, 2013. Highlights include: a \$40 million contingency fund for storm rebuilding; \$500 million in business tax cuts; \$9 billion in education funding; a \$1.67 billion payment to the State's pension fund; and expanded access to Medicaid.

For more details, access Bulletin #26-13 on the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website.

Employment Opportunity

Construction Director wanted for Paterson Habitat for Humanity. Individual will be responsible for all aspects of acquisition, pre-development, design and construction phases across multiple projects, and function as PM, GC, Supervisor of construction crew and coordinator of construction volunteers. Ideal candidate has several years of urban housing construction experience. For the job profile, call BCANJ at 732.225.2265. Send resume to jobs@patersonhabitat.org.

Resume on File

Facilities Engineer has two decades of experience in environmental and safety processes, production and product development, with emphasis in hard surfaces fabrication. Holds Bachelor's degree in Architecture from Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, and certifications in Sigma Juran Institute Non-statistical Green Belt, OSHA 30-Hour Safety, OSHA 501 and OSHA 511 Train the Trainer. For a copy of this resume, please call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Associate Member

We are pleased to include information from the following member:

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