

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2013

Merger Vote at March Meeting

Bulletin #13-13 was distributed this month to BCANJ'S general contractor members, informing them of the vote on the merger between BCANJ and AGC of New Jersey at the joint Membership Meeting on March 19, 2013. At that meeting, general contractor members in good standing will be asked to vote on the merger and on the constitution and by-laws that will govern the new association. For more information and a registration form for the March meeting, please access the bulletin on the "Members Only" page on our website, www.bcanj.com.

**March Membership Meeting &
Other Upcoming Events**

Bulletin #04-13 announced the year's upcoming events. Of particular note is the March Membership Meeting, scheduled for March 19, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, Eatontown, in partnership with AGC of New Jersey. Associate members are invited to display during the cocktail hour. The bulletin of upcoming events, including our Annual Golf Outing, OSHA training and other membership meetings, is posted on the "Members Only" page of our website.

Special Meeting on Labor Issues

In an email to Active Members, we announced a special meeting scheduled for February 7, 2013, at 2 p.m. in the BCANJ office in which we will outline some of the changes we are likely to see as we negotiate new Collective Bargaining Agreements with the Bricklayers, Carpenters, Dockbuilders

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and Laborers. We urge contractor members signatory to these agreements to attend this important meeting. Registration is mandatory. If you need a registration form, please call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

2013 Officers & Trustees

In Bulletin #01-13, we distributed the list of 2013 Officers & Trustees elected at the BCANJ Annual Meeting in December. For the list, please access the bulletin on the “Members Only” page on our website, www.bcanj.com.

Annual Meeting Minutes

With Bulletin #03-13, we distributed the minutes from the December 11, 2012, Annual Membership Meeting at PNC Bank Arts Center. The bulletin is posted on our website’s “Members Only” page.

2012 Bulletin Summary

With Bulletin #02-13, we sent all members a 2012 Bulletin Summary. Members can access the summary and all bulletins from 2009 to the present on the “Members Only” page on our website.

Coffee Talk Rescheduled

Our Coffee Talk with SDA CEO Marc Larkins has been rescheduled for March 15, 2013, at the BCANJ office in Edison. Look for registration information coming soon.

NJ Special School Election Results

In Bulletin #14-13, we distributed the results of the first New Jersey School

Construction Referendum for the year, on January 22, 2013. Results can be found on the “Members Only” page of the BCANJ website. The next scheduled special election date is Tuesday, March 12, 2013.

AGC of America 2013 Construction Forecast

In November and December 2012, AGC of America collected survey responses from more than 1,300 construction firms across the nation. We issued a brief recap of the results released on January 14, 2013, in Bulletin #11-13, available on the “Members Only” page on our website.

AGC of NJ Program on Highway Work Zone Enforcement Rules

This month we sent BCANJ members notice of an AGC of New Jersey-hosted special program on the recently issued inspection and citation guidance related to OSHA highway work zone enforcement rules. The meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2013, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Association offices in Edison. Pre-registration is required for this free program. For a registration form, please contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Alliance Small Business Procurement Fair

Alliance Mid-Atlantic 2013 Small Business Procurement Fair, a networking event and trade show, is scheduled for March 6, 2013, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. The event offers workshops, exhibitors and networking opportunities. For event participants,

details and online registration, visit http://www.allianceforbiz.com/events/specific_event.php?id=144.

AGC Launches Constructor Marketplace

AGC of America recently launched *Constructor Marketplace*, an online, interactive buyers' guide to help members find information about construction vendors, products and services. Find details in Bulletin #06-13, accessible on the "Members Only" page on our website, or at www.agc.org.

ConsensusDOCS Offers Free Subscription

As we reported in Bulletin #10-13, BCANJ members who are not currently ConsensusDOCS subscribers can now access a package of standard prequalification contract documents for use in bidding projects. The ConsensusDOCS Prequalification Forms Package gives members access to all the prequalification forms at no charge. You can read the bulletin on the "Members Only" page on our website.

Labor News...

Immigration Reform Goes Bipartisan

This month a group of bipartisan senators released a four-page, detailed list of guidelines for drafting legislation that includes a "tough but fair" route to citizenship for the 11 million illegal immigrants living in the US. The eight senators – John McCain (R-AZ), Marco Rubio (R-FL), Lindsey Graham (R-SC),

Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Charles Schumer (D-NY), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Richard Durbin (D-IL) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) – have crafted a document that proposes undocumented immigrants pay a fine and back taxes to achieve probationary legal residency; the proposals also include more border security, a stronger verification program for employers and more oversight of immigrant visas. The bipartisan group hopes to have legislation drafted by the end of March.

Employment Grows, But Not Pay

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported this month that New Jersey added more than 30,000 jobs in December. Atlantic County increased employment 3.4% from June 2011 to June 2012, the 34th fastest county rate in the country. But the average weekly wage in Atlantic County fell 2.3%, to \$765. Wages fell fastest in Mercer, a 2.8% drop to \$1,155. In Bergen County, job growth wasn't tremendous, but wages rose 3.6% to \$1,127, making the county 28th in the country.

Safety News...

Annual Safety Awards

In Bulletins #07-13 and #08-13, we sent forms for the National AGC Safety Awards and the BCANJ Annual Safety Awards. The entry deadline for both awards was January 25, 2013. Please call the Association office if you have questions.

OSHA Fact Sheets & Quick Cards

In Bulletin #16-13, we told members about an array of information from OSHA pertaining to storm-related cleanup.

Access the bulletin on the “Members Only” page on our website.

OSHA Monitors Post-Sandy Hazards

As we posted in Hot Topics on our website, OSHA has been monitoring workers in the recovery efforts following Superstorm Sandy. The agency announced this month it has completed its first round of testing for health hazards and reports that, while workers have been exposed to many harmful materials, the exposure levels have not exceeded OSHA’s Permissible Exposure Limits for carbon monoxide, asbestos, silica, lead, mold and other substances. OSHA will continue to monitor worker exposure as long as recovery work is being performed.

Government Affairs Report...

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

Job Opportunity

Senior Program Outreach Coordinator

NJ PLACE, administered by Rutgers, seeks individual to manage program promotion and participant recruitment efforts. Responsibilities include overseeing participant advising, grant administrative duties, website updates and development of social media resources. In-state travel requires access to personal vehicle. Continuation of position past August 31, 2013, is contingent upon funding. Candidate should possess, at a minimum, bachelor’s degree in a related field; two years’ project management experience,

including college recruitment, marketing and student advising; and knowledge of apprenticeship and higher education. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. For more information and to apply, visit <http://uhr.rutgers.edu/jobs>, staff position #13-000125.

Resume on File

Controller/Financial Officer with more than two decades of experience in the New Jersey construction industry, with proven success in streamlining accounting and administrative operations to control costs. Individual holds BS in Accounting from Manhattan College, is proficient in Maxwell Systems for Job Cost, Microsoft Excel and Word, and Timberline. For a copy of this resume, please call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Website Featured Member

When visiting www.bcanj.com, you will see our featured website advertiser and new member: **Heffernan Insurance Brokers**. 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 Heffernan Insurance Brokers and our Associate Members.

February Holiday

Monday, February 18, 2013

Presidents’ Day: a holiday for the general construction trades. Please refer to the Contract Summary in your Labor Information Binder for provisions regarding holidays.