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MONTHLY UPDATE

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New Members

BCANJ is pleased to welcome the following new members:

State Line Construction Co., Inc.
Newark, NJ

Buck Construction LLC
West Berlin, NJ

Lomma LLC
South Kearny, NJ

DGI-Menard Inc.
Bridgeville, PA

Reminder: Annual Gala Dinner

Reservations and PAC sponsorships 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.

Reminder: Laborers' Demolition Agreement

We remind Active Members of the information we sent in Bulletin #74-12 regarding the revised terms and conditions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement of the New Jersey Building Construction

Laborers' District Council, Locals No. 3 and 77, as it is applicable to demolition for BCANJ members who assign their bargaining rights to the Association for the Laborers. The contract addendum applies to all interior demolition on non-prevailing wage projects and the total demolition of all stick-constructed residential buildings of four families or less and all other residential buildings of two stories or less. *Access the bulletin on the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website, www.bcanj.com.*

Higher Ed Bond Referendum

On November 6, 2012, New Jersey residents will be asked to support or oppose a Bond Referendum that authorizes the borrowing of \$750 million to fund higher-education capital projects. The last time a ballot question was presented to voters for an infusion of capital to our state's colleges and universities was in 1988 for \$350 million. If the "Building Our Future" Act passes, the money would be divided as follows:

- \$300 million for public research universities
- \$247.5 million for state colleges and universities
- \$150 million for county colleges
- \$52.5 million for private institutions of higher education with endowments of \$1 million or less

The academic institutions would not be allowed to fund 100% of a capital project with these monies. They would have to put up 25% of the cost of the project to

receive 75% in bonded funds. Therefore, the \$750 million would be augmented by institution funds, making the total construction outlay greater. BCANJ is actively involved in a broad-based, statewide coalition consisting of groups that support this initiative, including higher-education advocacy groups and institutions, trade unions, business associations, leading in-state industries, college student groups and contractor associations.

BCANJ and AGC of NJ Safety Day

New this year, BCANJ and AGC of NJ will hold a joint Safety Day on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. Safety Day is aimed at promoting the importance of safety in all aspects of the construction industry. We will highlight the substantial investment in safety training and education made by union contractors and labor through many different venues that day. Members were encouraged to participate and were sent information on how they can support this effort.

Final Reminder: BIM Technology, Unit 2

As we told you in Bulletin #79-12, this two-day course will be held October 25 & 26, 2012, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Association Offices in Edison. The second of four classes in AGC of America's BIM Education Program, BIM Technology explores the major applications and classes of BIM tools and how BIM can improve processes across all project

phases. Participants can earn 16 GBCI CE hours or 16 AIA LUs toward their continuing education credits. *For your convenience, a copy of the registration form is enclosed.*

Federal Procurement Fair

As we told you in Bulletin #85-12, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) will hold a Federal Procurement Fair on January 24, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Tropicana Casino and Resort in Atlantic City. The fair will honor Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and provide an opportunity to network with military, federal government and corporate representatives about how your business can support these entities. You will also learn about federal contracting opportunities. For more details and the registration form, access the bulletin at www.bcanj.com.

NJ Special School Election Results

As we announced in Bulletin #84-12, voters in the New Jersey School Construction Referendum on Monday, September 24, 2012, approved school construction projects in two of three districts, for a total of \$13.8 million of the nearly \$30.8 million requested. The next bond referendum this year is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6, 2012, General Election Day. For referendum results, access the bulletin on the BCANJ website.

Student Summer Work Program

This year, 10 summer interns successfully completed the Student Summer Work Program. In the next issue of *BUILDING CONTRACTOR* Magazine, we will include a special feature on the students' experiences.

AGC/A 2013 Scholarships

Applications for the AGC of America Education & Research Foundation's 2013 scholarships are available at <http://scholarship.agc.org> or by calling the AGC Foundation at 703.837.5342. Deadline for application is November 1, 2012.

Safety News...

Construction Safety Courses

Bulletin #81-12 listed safety courses offered in September and October by the training centers that are affiliated with the general construction trades. Courses include the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety & Health, First Aid/CPR, HazMat and other industry-related programs. Access the bulletin at www.bcanj.com.

BLS Releases Fatality Stats

Construction workplace deaths declined from 774 in 2010 to 721 in 2011, a 6.8% drop. The fatality rate also dropped, from 9.8 per 100,000 full-time workers in 2010 to 8.9 per 100,000 in 2011. These preliminary numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics will be updated as final figures next spring.

Labor News...

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

Legislative News...

Naming of Subs Bill

In Bulletin #82-12, we reported that Governor Christie took action on an important BCANJ-driven initiative on September 21, 2012, by signing legislation that limits the naming of subcontractors at the time of bid. The law explicitly states that general contractors are only required to list the traditionally named subcontractors at the time of bid submission (i.e., Steel, Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC). The bill's provisions officially take effect on December 21, 2012, and copies of the statute will be available in the coming weeks.

Governor Takes Action on Two Bills

In Bulletin #83-12, we detailed actions the Governor took on two pending bills:

- ***Signed Into Law*** Permit Extension III (A-138 / S-743), which extends permits through December 31, 2014.
- ***Absolute Veto*** of A-2649 / S-1932 that would have required employers on a construction project subject to prevailing wage to report to NJ DOL information regarding the gender and race of those employed on the project throughout its duration.

Featured Website Advertiser

When visiting www.bcanj.com during October, you will see our featured website advertiser: **Treysta Partners Inc.**, of LaPorte, IN. 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 Treysta Partners and our Associate Members.

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.

November Holidays

The following holidays in November are observed by the General Construction Trades:

Tuesday, November 6:
Presidential Election Day

Monday, November 12:
Veterans' Day (observed)

Thursday, November 25:
Thanksgiving

Please refer to the Contract Summary in your labor information binder for provisions regarding holidays.