

**Building  
Contractors  
Association  
of New Jersey**

**MONTHLY UPDATE**

**December 2011**

**New Members**

In December, Building Contractors Association of New Jersey welcomed the following companies as new members:

**Commonwealth Contracting Services**  
Brockton, MA

**Green Path Corp.**  
Pennington, NJ

**Paul Otto Building Company**  
Twp. of Washington, NJ

**Ullico**  
Washington, DC

**Labor Binder Update**

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

Robert Polisano  
*President*

James Prisco Jr.  
*Vice President*

Eric Jensen  
*Secretary*

Robert Gamba  
*Treasurer*

Jack Kocsis Jr.  
*Chief Executive Officer*

Darlene Regina  
*Executive Director*

B-#120-11    Ironworkers  
Wages & Fringe Benefits  
Effective 1/1/12 - 6/30/12

B-#121-11    Operating Engineers,  
Local No. 825  
Wages & Fringe Benefits  
Effective 1/1/12 - 6/30/12  
(BE SURE TO USE THE REVISED  
BULLETIN - B-#121A-11)

**2012 Officers & Trustees**

At the BCANJ Annual Membership Meeting on December 13, 2011, the 2012 Slate of Officers & Trustees was unanimously elected. Officers for a second term: Robert Polisano, President; James R. Prisco, Jr., Vice President; Eric Jensen, Secretary; and Robert Gamba, Treasurer. As Trustees: John Baumgardner, Clifford Blanchard, Richard Branca, Alfonso Daloisio, Jr., Charles DeAngelis, Paul Denehy, Clifford Dunham, Jr., John G. Epifano, Michael Fitzpatrick, Peter Galetto, Jr., Robert Gariepy, Glenn Garlatti, Mark Hall, Louis D. March, Jr., Paul Natoli, Richard T. Nugent, James Parry,

Carlos Peixoto, Samuel Prisco, A. David Schulz, Jack Spencer, Stan Thompson and Allen A. Zappone. Honorary Trustees: Michael R. Jensen, Benedict Torcivia, Sr., Louis A. Garlatti, Sr., Robert Epifano, Joseph A. Natoli, Ralph Pastore, Benedict Torcivia, Jr.

### **Joint Membership Meeting**

More than 150 members from BCANJ and AGC of NJ attended the joint Annual Membership Meeting on December 13, 2011, at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. CEO Jack Kocsis reviewed the strategic alliance formed this year between the two associations; detailed labor settlements accomplished with the Operating Engineers, and the Northern New Jersey District Council of Ironworkers; and discussed the ongoing work with the Carpenters, Building Laborers, and Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers to promote and expand the scope of residential and market recovery agreements. He briefly touched on establishing HRAs, Health Reimbursement Accounts, as an alternate means to deliver healthcare and cap costs.

### **NRCC National Emergency Grant Program**

On December 20, 2011, BCANJ hosted a program for members where Ridgeley Hutchinson, Executive Director, New Jersey Carpenters Apprentice Training and Educational Fund, and Anthony Ferrera, Director, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Workforce Portfolio and Contract Management, explored the possibility of taking advantage of a National Emergency Grant that would reimburse employers for hiring long-term unemployed Carpenter Apprentices. In addition to this short-term grant, the state has several other employer incentive

programs regularly available. In the near future, we will distribute more detailed information to members on the National Emergency Grant and other programs.

### **NJ Special School Election Results**

Via Bulletin #118-11, we distributed the results of the final 2011 New Jersey School Construction Referenda, held on Tuesday, December 13. Access the results on the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website, [www.bcanj.com](http://www.bcanj.com). The next scheduled special election date is January 24, 2012.

### ***BUILDING CONTRACTOR* Magazine**

The next issue of the *BUILDING CONTRACTOR* Magazine, Vol. III-11, will be mailed shortly. The feature article reviews the Construction Activity Market Study commissioned by BCANJ and our partners in labor and management. Also in this issue: a display of members' award-winning projects and a "Giving Back" section that shows the generosity and community spirit of our members and labor partners.

### **Reminder: NJBIA's New Good Neighbor 2011 Awards**

As we announced in the November Update, nominations are now being accepted for NJBIA's New Good Neighbor 2011 Awards. The award recognizes organizations that have worked to bring about an improved business climate in New Jersey by building or renovating a commercial facility. Completed nominations must be received by NJBIA on or before February 3, 2012. If you need a nomination form, please contact the Association office.

## 49th Annual Concrete Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the 49th Annual New Jersey Concrete Awards, recognizing projects completed during 2011 that demonstrate creative, successful applications of concrete. Nominations are due by January 20, 2012. As we told you in the November Update, awards will be presented at a dinner on Thursday, May 10, 2012, at The Heldrich in New Brunswick, with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. *A nomination form is enclosed with this mailing.*

## 2012 Programs & Events

Via Bulletin #119-11, we distributed the 2012 Schedule of Programs and Events. Access the bulletin on the "Members Only" page at [www.bcanj.com](http://www.bcanj.com), and check the website frequently for updated information.

## Labor News

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

## Government Affairs Report...

### ***Permit Extension III***

Legislation has been introduced that will extend existing permits through December 31, 2014. Through enabling legislation BCANJ supported last session, Permit Extension Act II, active permits were granted an extension through 2012.

As economic conditions in our State continue to rebound, Permit Extension III will provide the assurance the contracting/developer community needs to advance and plan projects for the next several years. This bill could potentially

be fast-tracked during the current "lame-duck" session for final passage. The bill was released in early December from its Assembly committee assignment, and will head for a full vote in the lower house before the session ends on January 9, 2012. The Senate will act on this important initiative in early January.

## Safety News...

### ***First Aid/CPR/AED Course***

Per the flyer we e-mailed to members on December 12, 2011, BCANJ will host a First Aid/CPR/AED class at the Association office on January 30, 2012. Cost for the eight-hour class is \$125, which includes course material, breakfast, lunch, a National Safety Council Course Completion Card and a HazTek Program Completion Certificate. Space is limited to 12 participants, so we urge members to complete and return the registration form as soon as possible. *We have enclosed a form for your convenience.*

### ***Study Says Building Green is Riskier***

A study in the Journal of Construction Engineering and Management comparing LEED and non-LEED projects reports the green building projects carry a higher safety risk to workers. Most of the risks are due to tasks and materials that are different – and often new – in the green building process. On the positive side, some green building practices can be healthier, such as the use of low-VOC materials that reduce health risks for workers in enclosed environments.

### ***Top Career Opportunity***

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH, reports employers plan to hire at least 25,000 occupational safety and health professionals over the next five years, but only about 12,000 new graduates in the field are expected to be available.

***New OSHA "It's the Law" Web Page***

Employers are required to display the "It's the Law" poster in the workplace, and OSHA has now improved the "It's the Law" web page to make it easier for employers to get free copies of the poster and find links to other DOL posters. The OSHA poster, available in English and Spanish (and online in Polish) informs workers of their rights under the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/poster.html>.

**Resumes on File*****Construction and Safety Management Specialist***

Individual with more than a decade's experience in construction management, including six years in procurement and materials management and more than four years in construction safety, seeks position with a focus on heavy construction and medium-to-large industrial projects. Holds OSHA 30-Hour Construction Health and Safety Certification and an Associate Science degree from Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn.

***Project Manager***

Individual has more than 18 years of experience in project field management, supervision and scheduling of new construction and renovations in public, private and institutional sectors. Strengths include careful attention to detail and cost-control, effective employee management and expertise in overseeing all aspects of a project. Holds OSHA 30-Hour Occupational Safety & Construction Safety and AGC 40-Hour Safety Training certifications. Bachelor's degree in Industrial Science from Montclair State University.

For a copy of either resume, please call BCANJ at 723.225.2265.

**Mark Your Calendar*****Release of the Construction Activity Market Study***

On February 3, 2012, Jeffrey Otteau, President of Otteau Valuation Group, Inc., the author of the Construction Activity Market Study, will present the findings of the Construction Activity Market Study for all of the stakeholders and their memberships. The program will be held at the Conference Center at Mercer, West Windsor, NJ. Details have been distributed and can be accessed on the BCANJ website.

***March Membership Meeting***

The next Membership Meeting will be held March 27, 2012, at the Doubletree Hotel, Eatontown, NJ, in partnership with Building Contractors Association of South Jersey, Building Contractors Association of Atlantic County and Floor Covering Institute of NJ. All associate members will be invited to display during the cocktail hour.

**2012 Holidays**

The following list includes federal and state-recognized holidays:

Jan. 2, 2012 - New Year's Day Observed

Jan. 16, 2012 - Martin Luther King Jr.'s  
Birthday Observed

Feb. 20, 2012 - Presidents' Day

April 6, 2012 - Good Friday\*

May 28, 2012 - Memorial Day

July 4, 2012 - Independence Day

Sept. 3, 2012 - Labor Day

Oct. 8, 2012 - Columbus Day

Nov. 6, 2012 - Election Day

Nov. 11, 2012 - Veterans Day

Nov. 22, 2012 - Thanksgiving Day

Dec. 25, 2012 - Christmas Day

\*State-only holiday