

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

February 2010

Final Reminder:

March Membership Meeting

BCANJ has scheduled a Special Membership Meeting for ***Thursday, March 25, 2010, 12 noon, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Monroe Twp.*** The luncheon program will include a review of the discussion the Association has had with the New Jersey State Building & Construction Trades Council and our general construction trades with regard to the state of the economy. We encourage our members to attend and participate in this important discussion. Access the registration forms online (B-#17-10), available on the “Members Only” section of our website, www.bcanj.com, or call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

BCANJ’s Annual Golf Outing

The BCANJ Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner is scheduled for June 28, 2010, at a ***new location*** – Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club, Farmingdale, NJ. *Look for our “Save the Date” flyer enclosed with this Update.*

Website Updates

While we annually update our paper versions of BCANJ publications, we update the information on our website, www.bcanj.com, as changes occur, and upload bulletins and monthly updates as released. We recently posted two Labor Binder Updates on the “Members Only” page. Log in to the page to view the updated Contract Expiration List and Contract Summaries.

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Carpenters Blended Rate Update

As you know, the New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters adopted a "Blended Rate Program" for the purpose of preserving or expanding market share on certain construction projects in New Jersey. Examples of some of these projects include wood and metal framed restaurants, hotels, professional and medical offices, small renovation projects, tenant fit-out projects and mixed-use projects that involve both commercial and residential work.

An Addendum to the current Collective Bargaining Agreement has been executed that will evaluate, on a project-to-project basis, the use of a reduced blended rate achieved by commingling carpenters of different rates to achieve the blended rate established for that particular job. The New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters developed procedures for evaluating applicability of the Blended Rate.

If you would like to discuss the "Blended Rate" for a future project, do not hesitate to contact the BCANJ office. We will direct you to the appropriate NJ Regional Council of Carpenters delegate to begin that process.

Recent Webinars

This month, we informed our members of two free webinars. On February 25, 2010, Reed Construction Data presented the first in a series of webcasts, "Lessons in BIM Adoption," titled "How Integrated Project Delivery Can Work." For subsequent webcasts in the BIM series, visit:

www.reedconstructiondata.com/events/2010.

On March 3, 2010, BCANJ member Peckar & Abramson hosted "Contracting with State and Local Governments under the Stimulus Act." *A recording of the webinar will be posted on the Peckar & Abramson website, www.pecklaw.com.*

BCANJ.com Hot Topics

Beginning in March, we will send an e-mail alert to our members every Friday announcing the Hot Topics we posted on our website during the previous week. To view them online, go to www.bcanj.com and click "Hot Topics" in the upper-right corner.

Safety News...

For information on key safety issues, please refer to the enclosed report. *Be sure to read about BCANJ's Construction Industry Safety Partnership, created in concert with OSHA and our labor partners, and designed to keep our member jobsites safe.*

BCANJ Presidents' Scholarship Program

The BCANJ's 2010 Presidents' Scholarship Program is open as of March 1, 2010. Announcements will be mailed 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 April 30, 2010.

Reminder: Student Summer Work Program

With Bulletin #15-10, we sent information to active members about the Student Summer Work Program. If your company is interested in participating, please submit your request form as soon as possible. For complete details, access the bulletin via the "Members Only" section of our website, www.bcanj.com.

BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine

Per Bulletins #19-10 and #20-10, we told you of opportunities to publish your company's in-house news and employment opportunities in our BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine, Volume I-2010, 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, www.bcanj.com, or e-mail us at jschiff@bcanj.com.

Government Affairs Report...**Governor Christie Outlines Potential Solutions for UI-Fund**

As you know from Bulletin #24-10, Governor Christie has proposed the suspension of an automatic employer payroll tax increase of as much as \$683 per employee that would be used to fund NJ's insolvent Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund. The Governor's proposed plan attempts to give NJ businesses vital relief during strenuous economic times. For additional information, please contact the Association office.

214th Legislative Directory

BCANJ will be obtaining pocket-size legislative directories for New Jersey's newly organized 214th Legislature this month. The directory is a great way for members to become familiar with and contact individual legislators if needed. If you would like a copy, please call the Association office.

Labor News...***Federal funding for UI modernization***

To date, New Jersey is one of 22 states with “full-share” approval to receive a slice of the \$7 billion special distribution funding for unemployment insurance modernization. Part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the monies may be used to pay unemployment compensation benefits with no obligation to repay the federal government. New Jersey’s share is more than \$2 billion, of which \$1.28 billion has been drawn down for Emergency Unemployment Compensation and \$36.1 million for Extended Benefits.

DHS reports big drop in illegal immigrant count

As of a year ago, nearly 10.8 million illegal immigrants lived in the US. That number was 800,000 fewer than January 2008, according to the Department of Homeland Security. From 2007 to 2009, the illegal immigrant population dropped by about 1 million, a figure DHS considers “coincident with the US economic downturn.” The declining numbers are in contrast with the first six years of the decade, when the illegal immigrant population grew by 3.3 million to a peak of 11.8 million.

Still Time to Register...**Stockton College CPMC**

As you know, BCANJ has partnered with Stockton College to offer a Construction Project Management Certificate program. There is still time to register for the Winter/Spring 2010 classes:

Computer Enhanced Planning & Scheduling

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30-9pm
3/16/1- 4/15/10

Principles of Construction Management

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30-9pm
4/29/10-5/27/10

Register on-line at:
www.stockton.edu/mdps

LEED Workshops

The US Green Building Council - NJ Chapter will be hosting two Green Building Basic Workshops in March for Chapter members. For companies eligible for grant participation, these programs qualify.

March 11, 2010

Green Building Basics & LEED®
Workshop, Mount Laurel, NJ

March 19, 2010

Two Part Program:
Green Building Basics & LEED®
Workshop, and Exam Prep/LEED®
Technical Review, Princeton, NJ

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