

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

January 2012

**Construction Activity Market
Study**

In Bulletin #4-12, we invited members to a presentation of the Construction Activity Market Study on February 3, 2012, at The Conference Center at Mercer on the campus of Mercer County Community College in West Windsor. Jeffrey Otteau, President of the Otteau Valuation Group that conducted the study, will present the findings, including development trends and related construction activity in New Jersey, and the price points for these project types in terms of construction and labor costs. All BCANJ members are encouraged to attend. Members can access the bulletin and reservation form on the “Members Only” page at www.bcanj.com or contact the Association office.

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Officers & Trustees

In Bulletin #1-12, we distributed the list of 2012 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.

Annual Meeting Minutes

With Bulletin #5-12, we distributed the minutes from the December 13, 2011, Annual Membership Meeting at PNC Bank Arts Center. The bulletin is posted on the “Members Only” page on our website.

Mark Your Calendar:

March Membership Meeting

BCANJ has scheduled the next Membership Meeting for ***Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 5:30 p.m., at the Doubletree Hotel, Tinton Falls-Eatontown, NJ.*** The meeting will be held jointly with BCA of South Jersey, BCA of Atlantic County and Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey members. Associate Members from the affiliated organizations are invited to participate in table top displays, and all members are encouraged to show their support by visiting the displays during the cocktail hour. Registration forms and more details will be distributed shortly.

NYC Carpenters Meeting

In Bulletin #3-12, we invited BCANJ contractor members to a special meeting on January 16, 2012, of the New York City District Council of Carpenters. The NYC Council has been under court-appointed supervision that has required significant changes in operation and, as a result, has witnessed an aggressive move to form a new union.

The Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners was rumored to possibly obtain the support of the Building and Construction Trades Department and affiliate with an International Union that is already a member of the AFL-CIO.

Frank Spencer, Vice President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Eastern District, explained at the meeting the changes that have been made within the Council and the reality of any new union representing workers in that jurisdiction.

NJ Special School Referenda Results

Via Bulletin #14-12, we distributed the results of the New Jersey School Construction Referenda on Tuesday, January 24, 2012. Access this information on the “Members Only” section of the BCANJ website.

AGC/A Resource Catalog

In Bulletin #12-12, we announced the release of the AGC of America 2012 Resource Catalog, offering member discount rates on products, programs and services.

This year’s catalog contains many new and updated items on safety, contract documents & construction law, marketing & business development, and partnering. Members can access the catalog online through the ***new “AGC Store” link*** on our website’s home page. Contact the BCANJ office if you like a hard copy.

2011 Bulletin Summary

With Bulletin #2-12, we sent all members a 2011 Bulletin Summary. Members can download and read the summary and all bulletins from 2009 to the present on our website, www.bcanj.com through the “Members Only” page.

Government Affairs Report...

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

LEED Reimbursement Grant Extended

In Bulletin #13-12, we announced our success in securing a 12-month extension of our Grant Funding for LEED training from New Jersey’s State Employment and Training Commission. All provisions of the original grant remain in tact, with a new cycle end date of December 31, 2012. We included the program details and application form with the bulletin, accessible online in the “Members Only” section of the BCANJ website. We urge you to share the information with your employees as soon as possible, as our grant is limited in both funding and time, and reimbursement through the grant is on a first-come, first-served basis for eligible participants.

Safety News...

Safety Awards

In Bulletins #6-12 and #7-12, we told of the two safety awards programs we make available to members. The National AGC Safety Awards Program entries were due to the BCANJ office by January 25, 2012. BCANJ’s 23rd Annual Safety Awards Program entries were also due on that date, and BCANJ will present its awards at the Membership Meeting luncheon on June 19, 2012, at The Westwood in Garwood.

2012 Training Schedule

In January, BCANJ hosted a First Aid/CPR/AED class, and is planning a second class for November. Looking forward through the year, we have scheduled the OSHA 30-Hour Construction Health & Safety Course in May and the OSHA 500/502 trainer courses in October. We will send registration information in advance of each class, and invite you to check www.bcanj.com for further updates.

Labor News...

Obama Recess Appoints Three to NLRB

Using a controversial recess-appointment privilege, President Obama appointed three new members to the

National Labor Relations Board early in January.

Sharon Block, Democrat, is deputy assistant secretary for congressional affairs at the US Labor Department, and had been an aide to the late Sen. Edward Kennedy on the Senate labor committee.

Terence Flynn, Republican, is chief counsel to NLRB board member Brian Hayes, and had been chief council to former NLRB member Peter Schaumber.

Richard Griffin, Democrat, is general counsel for the International Union of Operating Engineers and on the board of directors of the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee.

NJ Construction Employment Down 27% from Peak

AGC of America compared construction employment state-by-state from each state's peak in the last decade to November 2011. At New Jersey's peak in April 2006, 177,600 were employed in construction. That number dropped by 47,300 to 130,300 last November, a 27% loss. Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, New Jersey ranked 21st.

Resume on File

Executive Assistant

Event Planner/Office Manager

Talented and experienced in many facets of the hospitality industry, this individual is also skilled in event coordination, marketing and communications, both print and online; knowledgeable about office practices and policies; and capable of juggling many duties under tight deadlines. Conversant in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook and PowerPoint. For a copy of this resume, call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Save the Date

June 25, 2012, will mark BCANJ's Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner. Details will be distributed shortly. We urge you to return your registration form as soon as possible to reserve your spot, as this event is on a first-come, first-served basis, with limited availability.

February Holiday

Monday, February 20, 2012

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