

**Building
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of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Labor Binder Update

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

B-#69-10 Ironworkers
 Wages & Fringe Benefits
 7/1/10 - 6/30/11

**CICD Sponsors Apprentice
Workshop**

In October, Construction Industry Career Day will sponsor “Survival of the Fittest,” a presentation by Mark Breslin for the apprentices of the New Jersey Building and Construction Trades. Breslin is noted as the number one speaker in the nation on construction leadership, strategy and labor-management relations. He was a keynote speaker at BCANJ’s April program, “The Future Outlook for New Jersey Contractors & Building Trade Unions,” giving contractors and labor representatives meaningful suggestions on how labor and management can work together to survive and compete in New Jersey’s construction market, beginning at the apprentice level. Breslin will deliver his presentation twice, in North Jersey at Montclair State University on Friday, October 22, 2010, and in South Jersey at Burlington County College on Saturday, October 23, 2010.

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Walmart Symposium

On July 28, 2010, Walmart hosted a symposium sponsored by the New Jersey Carpenter Contractor Trust for New Jersey-based union contractors to discuss Walmart's planned construction and renovation of stores in the state. Approximately 55 contractors attended, and heard from several top Walmart construction personnel as they reviewed Walmart's extensive pre-qualification process, most of which can be conducted online, but requires one visit to the company's headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas, as part of the process. Contractors who attended the meeting will be contacted via e-mail by Walmart to begin pre-qualification. If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like to be considered, you should contact BCANJ *as soon as possible* and we will furnish the information to NJCCT, who will provide it to Walmart.

Governor's Report on Atlantic City, Meadowlands

Governor Christie's Advisory Commission on New Jersey Gaming, Sports and Entertainment, created on February 3, 2010, via Executive Order 11, released its report in July. Among many recommendations, the report contains these key directives to the Christie administration:

- Encourage the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority "to create and maintain a break-even budget"
- Assist in completing the Xanadu

project in the Meadowlands

- Stabilize the gaming industry in Atlantic City
- Reinvigorate the horse-racing industry by leasing the Meadowlands Racetrack to the standard-bred horse owners community and boosting events at Monmouth Park and Atlantic City Race Course
- Ensure cooperation among the four state-influenced entertainment venues – IZOD Center, PNC Bank Arts Center, Atlantic City Convention Center and Rutgers Stadium – to enhance the financial success of each

Joint Base Procurement Fair

Via Bulletin #74-10, we distributed information about the Joint Base Procurement Fair scheduled for August 13, 2010, at Burlington County College's Mount Laurel Campus. Hosted by NJIT's Defense Procurement Technical Assistance Center and Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, the fair will feature procurement opportunities for small businesses and offer time for networking between small-business owners and government agency representatives. For complete details, access the bulletin on the "Members Only" section of our website.

Legislative News...

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

PLA Brochure

The New Jersey State Building & Construction Trades Council has published a brochure on Project Labor Agreements, a copy of which is enclosed with this Update. The brochure defines a PLA and numerates the benefits of PLAs for owners and taxpayers. Contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265 if you would like additional copies.

Reminder: NJ PLACE Survey for Craftworkers

As we told you in the May Update, NJ PLACE is seeking input from all craftworkers – apprentices and journeymen – to gather information about craftworker interest in higher education. Help pass the word with the enclosed card. Craftworkers who complete a short, online survey could win a \$500 gift card to COSTCO and a one-year store membership.

Safety News...**OSHA 30-Hour Safety Training**

Per Bulletin #70-10, BCANJ will host an OSHA 30-Hour Construction Safety Training Course on September 13, 20 and 27, 2010 (consecutive Mondays), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Association office in Edison. The course will cover OSHA policies, procedures and standards, as well as construction safety and health principles. *For your convenience, a registration form is enclosed.*

OSHA 502 Trainer Refresher Course

Per Bulletin #71-10, BCANJ will host the OSHA 502 “Trainer Refresher” Course on October 26 & 27, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Association office in Edison. The course is intended for individuals who have taken the OSHA 500 and need to renew their certification. *For your convenience, a registration form is enclosed.*

OSHA Review Project to Update Standards

On July 7, 2010, OSHA announced its Standards Improvement Project III, a proposed rule to revise and remove outdated, duplicative or inconsistent requirements in OSHA standards. Previous improvement project updates were published in 1998 and 2005. For more information about the proposed rule, visit www.OSHA.gov. OSHA is accepting public comment on the rule until September 30, 2010.

Labor News...**NY Carpenters Take Temporary Wage Freeze**

The New York District Council of Carpenters has implemented a 60-day wage and benefits freeze of the negotiated increases due July 1, 2010, for the Collective Bargaining Agreements. The rates will remain frozen through August 31, 2010. The freeze does not apply to economic stimulus Project Labor Agreements.

NJ Unemployment Spike

July began with a sharp and unexpected spike in unemployment claims in New Jersey, the highest weekly level since 1991. Initial claims, an indicator of layoffs, rose 32% to nearly 25,400 for the week that ended July 3. Claims are usually higher during the last two weeks of June, because of the hiatus of the school year, but this year's unusually high increase surprised economists. Claims have risen 165% since mid-June, compared to a 92% rise during the same period last year. The one piece of good news on the jobs front is an increase in private-sector employment, which rose by 5,300 jobs.

Resumes on File...***Project Executive***

Individual with 28 years of experience in construction project management seeks Project Executive position. Projects include large-scale apartment building with green roofs and other sustainable features under LEED Silver specifications, multiple upscale office renovations and construction, mixed-use development, healthcare and educational facilities, historical building retrofits and museum exhibit renovation and construction. Individual has a degree in Construction Management from Wentworth Institute. For a copy of the resume, please contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

General Superintendent

Individual with more than four decades of experience in construction project management seeks position as General Superintendent. Projects include sports/entertainment arena, data center, transportation facilities, historical renovation/construction, public school facilities, retail, office and more. Individual is a US Navy Veteran. For a copy of the resume, please contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Safety Training Manager

Individual has a decade of experience in the occupational safety and health field, working with public agencies and union organizations to strengthen safety and health compliance and programs in various states, including New Jersey. Management and program design experience. Individual holds master's degree in Public Health in Industrial Hygiene and served eight years in the Army National Guard, completing Officer Candidate School ranked in top 3% of class. For a copy of this resume, please contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Labor Day

Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 6, 2010. It is a holiday for the general construction trades. Please refer to the Contract Summary in your labor information binder for provisions regarding holidays.