

**Building  
Contractors  
Association  
of New Jersey**

**MONTHLY UPDATE**

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**Ironworker Update**

In Bulletin #73-11, we brought you up-to-date on the status of the Agreement between the Trade Employers Bargaining Association of New Jersey (TEBA) and the Northern New Jersey District Council of Ironworkers, which covers reinforcing bars and which expired on June 30, 2011.

Although a new Agreement has not yet been reached, the Ironworkers continue to work and there are no immediate concerns about any job action. TEBA's next meeting with the Ironworkers is scheduled for August 24, 2011. For further details, access the bulletin on the "Members Only" section of the website, [www.bcanj.com](http://www.bcanj.com).

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**Membership Directory Updates**

Please note the following address changes:

**DePalma Contracting, Inc.**

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## **Membership Directory Online**

In Bulletin #72-11, we reminded members of BCANJ's online Membership Directory, accessible at [www.bcanj.com](http://www.bcanj.com) with a link to the directory in the upper-right corner of the site. We ask members to visit the directory and verify the accuracy of the information. Please notify [jschiff@bcanj.com](mailto:jschiff@bcanj.com) as soon as possible to confirm the entry or make changes, according to instructions in the bulletin, which you can find on our site in the "Members Only" section.

As a reminder, changes can be made throughout the year by notifying the BCANJ office.

## **FASB Disclosure Rule Approved**

In Bulletin #74-11, we gave you the latest update on the proposed FASB rule revision on disclosures for employers who participate in multiemployer pension plans. Thanks to the efforts of AGC of America and many other construction industry groups, including BCANJ, FASB eliminated the provisions in the proposed rule that would have proven extremely problematic for our members. Access the bulletin at [www.bcanj.com](http://www.bcanj.com) for further details.

## **BCANJ Annual Gala Dinner**

Invitations were sent recently to members and guests for the Annual Gala Dinner being held Thursday, October 27, 2011, at The Palace at Somerset Park in Somerset.

After a year's hiatus because of the recession, this year we will honor our labor partners in the General Construction Trades for their sacrifices and support as we strove to keep our contractor members competitive in challenging economic times.

Representing the trades will be Michael Capelli of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, Raymond Pocino of the Laborers' International Union of North America, Richard Tolson of the International Union of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers, Stephen Sweeney of the International Association of Iron Workers, and Greg Lalevee of the Operating Engineers, Local No. 825.

Included in your invitation were forms for Souvenir Journal ads as well as PAC sponsorships for the Registration Table, Cocktail Hour and Viennese Hour. Checks for the souvenir journal and sponsorships can be made payable to *BCANJ PAC*. *Ads must be received not later than September 19, 2011.*

## ***BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine***

The next issue of *BUILDING CONTRACTOR Magazine*, Vol. II-11, will be distributed in mid-August. As we did with last issue's story on Atlantic City's Revel Casino, we are pleased to feature another mega-project, the American Dream @ Meadowlands (formerly Xanadu) that will bring much-needed employment to the construction industry.

Also in this issue, we recognize many top students who received college scholarship awards from BCANJ, FCINJ, the Carpenters and the Laborers. We're also pleased to bring you stories from our student chapters' activities at Fairleigh Dickinson and NJIT...the story behind the merger of the New Jersey and New York Regional Councils of Carpenters...and informative pieces on tax laws and other issues of interest to contractors.

### **Safety News...**

#### ***AGC Webinar on OSHA Inspections***

In Bulletin #75-11, we informed you of an AGC of America webinar on how to prepare for OSHA inspections, a subject that has become more critical in light of OSHA's newly assertive enforcement approach. The webinar is scheduled for August 23, 2011, 2-3:30 pm, and BCANJ members can register

at the member rate of \$49. Visit [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org) or access the bulletin at [www.bcanj.com](http://www.bcanj.com) for more details and to register.

#### ***OSHA 502 Course***

BCANJ will host the OSHA 502 "Trainer Refresher" Course on October 11-13, 2011, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Association office in Edison. The 502 course is intended for individuals who have taken the OSHA 500 and need to renew their certification. Information and registration forms will be sent to members in the near future.

### **Legislative News...**

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

### **Labor News...**

#### ***Union Density Drops, Employment Plummet***

The percentage of union construction craftworkers across the country declined only 2% from 2008 through 2010, from 20% to 18%, but the total number of union craftworkers plummeted 31%, 324,000 workers. The steep drop reflects the recession that hit the construction industry particularly hard.

***I-9 Audits and Debarments Up***

The federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) began a second wave of immigration audits in July, sending out 1,000 Notices of Inspection to employers in 17 industries. The notices require employers to provide a host of information within three business days, generally requesting I-9 documentation, payroll records, immigration filings, Social Security communications and documentation on independent contractors.

While construction was not one of the targeted industries, ICE did not clarify if contractors working for clients in those industries could be targeted. At the same time, the US Department of Labor is seeking more debarments of federal contractors as punishment for “willful” non-compliance.

AGC of America has posted compliance assistance tools for federal construction contractors on the Labor and HR Topical Resources page at [www.agc.org](http://www.agc.org).

**Associate Members**

In this Update, we are pleased to include information from the following member:

**Jersey City Ford**

Jersey City, NJ

**Let It Grow, Inc.**

River Edge, NJ

Let It Grow will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with its annual benefit concert on Saturday, September 10, 2011, at the company’s offices at 52 Ackerson Street, River Edge, NJ 07661. This year’s concert theme, A Tribute to Watkins Glen, will feature live music on two stages beginning at 3 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit River Edge resident Sam Nugent, a 50-year-old roofer recently diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease), and Brenna Lowry Hasselmann, an 11-year-old from Warwick, NY, who was diagnosed last December with an extremely rare vascular disease called *D i f f u s e   P u l m o n a r y* Lymphangiomatosis. For information on the live bands, more background on the two recipients and details on how you can donate and sponsor a journal ad, please email [doreilly@letitgrow.com](mailto:doreilly@letitgrow.com) or call 201-478-6266.

**Labor Day**

Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 5, 2011. It is a holiday for the general construction trades. Please refer to the Contract Summary in your labor information binder for provisions regarding holidays.