

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

May, 2011

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-#51-11 Fringe Benefit Fund Trustees
&Administrators Directory
Effective 5/1/10

B-#54-11 Wages & Fringe Benefits
Dockbuilders, Local No. 1456
Effective 5/1/11 - 10/31/12

Labor/Legislative Briefing

On May 25, 2011, BCANJ hosted "Labor & Legislative Briefing: How You Will Do Business in the Future," at the Association office in Edison. Michael Capelli, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters, told the group of the events that transpired in the merger of the New Jersey and Empire State Regional Councils and the benefits of the merger for contractors. Joseph McNamara, Director, New Jersey Laborers'-Employers' Cooperation and Education Trust (NJ LECET), described efforts to promote and create union construction projects.

BCANJ CEO Jack Kocsis and staff outlined the current status of collective bargaining agreements, wage and benefit changes, market recovery agreements and the market study the Association commissioned with the support of labor partners. The program wrapped up with a discussion about BCANJ's PAC processes and outlook on primary and general NJ legislative elections this year.

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Annual Golf Outing

Don't delay in returning your reservation forms for the popular BCANJ Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner, scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2011, at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club, Farmingdale. Sponsorships as well as reservations for the 12:30 p.m. shotgun start are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The day includes a buffet lunch before golf and a cocktail hour and elaborate buffet dinner after golf.

New Jersey Special School Election Results

The details of the latest round of New Jersey School Construction Referendum results from Wednesday, April 27, 2011, are included with Bulletin #52-11, accessible online to members at www.bcanj.com. Voters approved school construction projects in five out of eight districts, for a total of \$20.8 million (41% of the proposed \$50.8 million). Just over \$2.2 million (one project) is eligible for state aid. The next scheduled referendum is Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

AGC/A Blueprint for Economic Growth

AGC of America has sent us a quantity of printed copies of "Building a Stronger Future: A New Blueprint for Economic Growth," which we had originally told you about in Bulletin #36-11. For a synopsis and PDF of the Blueprint, you can access the bulletin online at www.bcanj.com, or call us if you would like the printed version.

Top NJ CM Firms

NJBiz released its 2011 list of New Jersey's Top 50 Construction Management Firms, ranked by number of employees in New Jersey office locations. The following BCANJ members are included:

- 1 URS Corp.
Paramus
- 2 Joseph Jingoli & Son Inc.
Lawrenceville
- 7 Skanska USA Building Inc.
Parsippany
- 9 Epic Management Inc.
Piscataway
- 15 Torcon Inc.
Red Bank
- 16 Turner Construction Co.
Somerset
- 17 Damon G. Douglas Co.
Cranford
- 20 Bovis Lend Lease LMB Inc.
Ewing
- 25 Wm. Blanchard Co.
Springfield
- 31 Barr & Barr Inc.
Franklin Lakes
- 37 March Associates Construction
Wayne
- 39 Stanker & Galetto Inc.
Vineland
- 44 Berkowsky and Associates Inc.
Cranbury
- 46 Willard Dunham Construction Co.
South Plainfield
- 49 Nurminen Construction Corp.
Hawthorne

Floor Covering Institute Activities

In Bulletin #56-11, we offered members a free pass to the American Society of Interior Designers' trade show on May 18, 2011, at which the Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey had a booth to promote its members. The next promotional event for FCINJ is the East Coast Green Conference sponsored by the American Institute of Architects – New Jersey Society, scheduled for June 23, 2011, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Warner Student Life Center at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft. Once again, they will have a booth. We will keep you updated as the event nears.

Legislative News...

Legislative Priorities Advance

As we detailed in Bulletin #58-11, BCANJ's legislative priorities continue to advance in the NJ legislature. A-2769 / S-2552, which limits the naming of subcontractors at the time of bid, is heading to the full Senate for a floor vote. A-3285 requires certain public contract bid advertisements to contain certified cost estimates or estimate ranges of projected contract costs and specifies grounds for rejection of all bids. This bill now heads to the full Assembly for a floor vote. For more information, access the bulletin online at www.bcanj.com.

Updated Public Works Prerequisites

In Bulletin #55-11, we sent updated requirements for building contractors

and construction managers interested in participating in New Jersey public works projects. Access the bulletin online or call the Association office for a copy.

State Database for Public Bidding Opportunities

In May, Governor Christie signed into law S-2065, which creates "Bulletin-NJ," a searchable Internet database to provide up-to-date information on State government procurement opportunities. The information will be organized primarily by the name of the contracting unit publishing the project listings. The database is expected to be launched by March 1, 2012. For further details, access Bulletin #59-11 online.

Safety News...

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

Labor News...

"No-Match" Letters Resume

On April 6, 2011, the Social Security Administration once again began sending "Decentralized Correspondence" letters, also called "no-match" letters notifying employees and employers of discrepancies in information reported on W-2 forms from that found in Social Security records. A court-ordered halt to the letters prevented Social Security from sending them during 2007, 2008 and 2009, but now

that the contentious regulations have been rescinded, the letters have resumed. *For more information, visit the AGC of America website at www.agc.org.*

New I-9 Website

I-9 Central launched in May, offering an online resource center dedicated to Form I-9, the Employee Eligibility Verification form. The site provides resources, tips and guidance to properly complete the I-9. Visit www.USCIS.gov/I-9central.

New Obligations Proposed for Federal Contractors Hiring Veterans

In April, BCANJ hosted an AGC of America webinar on affirmative action laws for federal contractors as regulated by the Office of Federal Contractor Compliance Programs. Later last month, the OFCCP published proposed regulations that would increase contractor obligations for hiring veterans. In short, contractors with a contract valued at \$100,000 or more would have to track the veteran status of applicants, maintain a database on veteran referrals, calculate veteran applicants against total applicants, establish goals for hiring veterans and keep records of employment decisions. *For more information, visit the AGC of America website at www.agc.org.*

LEED Grant

As a reminder, BCANJ received a grant from the State Employment

Training Commission to provide reimbursement to members for taking the LEED Green Associate, LEED AP+ or Specialty Exam between January 1 and July 1, 2011. Offered on a first-come, first-served basis, this grant has limited funding. Please refer to Bulletin #09-11 for details or contact the Association Office.

Associate Member

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

Montecalvo Disposal Services

Keasbey, NJ

Resume on File

Accounting Supervisor/Purchasing Administrator

With more than 30 years experience in accounts payable and accounting procedures, individual with construction industry knowledge seeks full-time position. Profit-oriented background with vast array of computer knowledge, including Primavera. To preview this resume, please contact BCANJ.

Independence Day

Independence Day will be observed on Monday, July 4, 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.