

**Building
Contractors
Association
of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

November 2012

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-#102-12 Dockbuilders, Local No. 1556
Wages & Fringe Benefits
Effective 11/1/12

Laborers Increase Postponed

Asbestos, Lead & Hazardous Waste Laborers, Local No. 78, who had deferred their May 1, 2012, increase of \$2.50 to December 1, 2012, have once again agreed to postpone the raise until January 1, 2013, so labor and management can meet to evaluate what can be done to make signatory contractors more competitive.

Final Reminder: Annual Meeting

BCANJ's final membership meeting of the year, held jointly with AGC of New Jersey, is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at the Robert B. Meyner Reception Center at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and our program at 6:30 p.m. During the program, CEO Jack Kocsis will update members on the strategic alliance between BCANJ and AGC of NJ and the benefits it will bring to the membership. For reservations, access Bulletin #91-12 in the "Members Only" section of our website, www.bcanj.com, or contact the Association office at 732.225.2265.

2013 Slate of Officers

Also at the Annual Membership Meeting, BCANJ general contractor members in good

Robert Polisano
President

James Prisco Jr.
Vice President

Eric Jensen
Secretary

Robert Gamba
Treasurer

Jack Kocsis Jr.
Chief Executive Officer

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Executive Director

standing will vote on the 2013 Slate of Officers & Trustees. We distributed a list of nominees via Bulletin #103-12. You can access the bulletin in the “Members Only” section of our website.

Hurricane Recovery Information and Resources

In November, we issued a series of bulletins containing information and resources to help our members understand the Hurricane Sandy recovery process. *All bulletins may be found on the BCANJ website.*

Bulletin #98-12 lists a number of resources relating to FEMA assistance, business inquiries and loans, help for small businesses, the Hurricane Relief Fund organized by Gov. Christie and First Lady Mary Pat Christie, and volunteering opportunities.

Bulletin #99-12 reported various tax filing and payment deadline extensions applicable to all counties in New Jersey.

Bulletin #100-12 announced a debris-removal contract executed by the state to assist local, county and other public entities with hurricane recovery, and explained how that contract might affect our members.

Associations Host Seminar on Contracting with the Feds

On November 28, 2012, BCANJ and AGC of NJ hosted a seminar on how to pursue construction opportunities funded through FEMA as New Jersey

recovers from the hurricane. The seminar, presented by partners from BCANJ member Peckar & Abramson, PC, attracted nearly 70 members from both Associations, and addressed a number of pertinent topics, from registration to compliance. Members who registered for the event received a copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Gala Dinner Video

In Bulletin #101-12, we told you about the video produced for the joint BCANJ/AGC of NJ Gala Dinner on October 18, 2012. The video commemorates the work of the Associations’ members, capturing the strength and beauty of the landscape our collective members sculpted. The video can be viewed from the BCANJ homepage at www.bcanj.com.

Member Celebrates Centennial by Giving Back to Troops

Long-time BCANJ member Fromkin Brothers of Edison celebrates its 100th anniversary this year. The firm thanks its past and current employees, vendors, suppliers and clients, and dedicates its centennial celebration to all who serve in our armed forces. Fromkin is both donating and collecting donations for three military assistance charities: Operation Jersey Cares, the G.I. Go Fund and Home Front Hearts. If you would like to donate, please call BCANJ (732.225.2265) or Fromkin Brothers (732.225.5300) for an informational brochure and donation card.

AGC of America Webinar: Stormwater Compliance

As we told you in Bulletin #104-12, AGC of America will host a webinar on stormwater compliance, presenting new “templates” to help contractors keep effective documentation. The webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 2 - 3:30 p.m. Cost for members is \$99. To register, visit www.agc.org and click on EVENTS Calendar. You may also access the bulletin at www.bcanj.com.

2013 Dues Invoices

We recently issued dues invoices for 2013. In our letter, we encouraged you to review our website reflecting membership services and use BCANJ to its fullest potential. We look forward to your support in the coming year and assure you BCANJ is prepared to effectively represent the interests of the construction industry.

BCAAC Meeting

Members are invited to join BCA of Atlantic County for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and dinner at the annual meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Linwood Country Club, Linwood. Guest speaker Assemblyman John Amodeo, a crane operator and member of Operating Engineers Local 825, will update us on construction activities in the region as well as ongoing and long-term efforts to assist those devastated by the recent storms. *For a reservation form, please call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.*

Save the Date: FCINJ Meeting

The next membership meeting of the Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey is scheduled for January 8, 2013. Details will be sent out in the near future.

NJBIA's New Good Neighbor 2013 Awards

The Annual New Good Neighbor Awards competition, sponsored by the New Jersey Business & Industry Association, recognizes organizations that have worked to bring about an improved business climate in New Jersey by building or renovating a commercial facility. All nominations must be received by NJBIA no later than February 1, 2013. Details and the nomination form can be found on the NJBIA website: www.njbja.org/NJBIAEvents/Awards.

50th Annual New Jersey Concrete Awards

The 50th Annual New Jersey Concrete Awards will recognize projects completed in 2012 that highlight the successful application of concrete. All nominations must be received by the New Jersey Chapter of the American Concrete Institute by January 18, 2013. *For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the nomination form.*

AGC/A Annual Convention

The Associated General Contractors of America will host its 94th Annual Convention March 6-9, 2013, at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort in Palm Springs, CA. The four-day event will feature Dr. Peter Diamandis, Chairman

and CEO of the X Prize Foundation, as keynote speaker. To register for the convention, visit www.agc.org.

Safety News...

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

Legislative News...

Storm Damage Estimates

As we told you in Bulletin #105-12, Governor Christie submitted storm damage cost estimates for New Jersey to President Obama and senior White House staff, federal agencies responding to the disaster, and the New Jersey Congressional delegation. Repair and response costs total a staggering \$29.48 billion, with an additional estimate of \$7.44 billion for mitigation and prevention costs that brings the overall damage assessment total to \$36.9 billion. Members can access the bulletin on the BCANJ website.

Labor News...

Newark Mayor Signs PLA

In October, Newark Mayor Cory Booker signed a Project Labor Agreement that guaranteed union participation in some of the city's upcoming construction projects. The work covered by the PLA includes any tax-abated construction project worth \$25 million or more and any public works project over \$5 million.

Hess PLA

The Essex County Building Trades

Council signed a PLA with Hess for the Newark Natural Gas power plant. Skanska is the general contractor; project is estimated to create 400 construction jobs over the next 30 months.

Resumes on File

Executive Assistant/Energy Procurement Analyst II

Individual possesses extensive experience in office administration as well as administrative support to all levels of an organization. Specialized experience in energy management and financial industries. BA in Business Administration. For a copy of this resume, call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Civil Engineer

Highly motivated individual with interest in all types of civil engineering, specialties in civil design, land development and project management. Bachelor of Civil Engineering, experience in engineering design and heavy civil construction. For a copy of this resume, call BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

Upcoming Holidays

The following holidays are observed by the General Construction Trades:

Tuesday, December 25:

Christmas Day

Tuesday, January 1, 2013:

New Year's Day

Please refer to the Contract Summary in your labor information binder for provisions regarding holidays.