

**Building  
Contractors  
Association  
of New Jersey**

**MONTHLY UPDATE**

**September 2010**

**New Members**

BCANJ is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Associate Active

**Abatement Unlimited Inc.**

New York, NY

**Affiliated Environmental Services NJ Inc.**

Hackensack, NJ

**Air Clean Inc.**

Hackensack, NJ

**A-Tech Concrete Co. Inc.**

Edison, NJ

**Atlas Concrete Corp.**

Edison, NJ

**East Coast Haz Mat Removal Inc.**

Paterson, NJ

**JVN Restoration Inc.**

State Island, NY

**Pow-R-Save Inc.**

Bloomfield, NJ

**Unipro Inc.**

Woodbridge, NJ

**USA Environmental Management**

Philadelphia, PA

Associate Service

**United Rentals Inc.**

Ridgefield Park, NJ

Paul Natoli

*President*

Robert Polisano

*Vice President*

James Prisco Jr.

*Secretary*

Eric Jensen

*Treasurer*

Jack Kocsis Jr.

*Chief Executive Officer*

Darlene Regina

*Executive Director*

Also, please note a new address and phone number: **LG Constructors**, 100 Othen Street, Edison, NJ 08817. 973.316.3596

## DHS Letter on PLAs

On September 20, 2010, BCANJ sent a sample letter to contractor members urging them to personalize and forward it via e-mail to the Department of Homeland Security. DHS had issued a request for comments regarding the implementation of PLAs on the construction and renovation of the William J. Hughes Technical Center, also called the Transportation Security Laboratory, at the Atlantic City airport. The sample letter addressed the benefits of a PLA, including cost-savings, labor stabilization, access to a skilled labor pool and leveling the playing field for union and non-union contractors through a PLA.

## Drywall Innovations Program

NJ Carpenter Contractor Trust invites BCANJ contractor members to attend "Drywall Innovations" on October 14, 2010, at the Carpenters Training Center in Kenilworth. This complimentary program offers information about specifying time-saving drywall products and Carpenter Local #39's taping and finishing program. Members can choose one of two three-hour sessions, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon or 4 to 7 p.m. For more information and to register, visit [www.BuildNJ.net](http://www.BuildNJ.net) or call NJCCT at 732.225.1300.

## Date Change: BCANJ Coffee Talk Program

The next program in the Coffee Talk Series, "Doing Business With the Division of Property Management and Construction," featuring DPMC Director Steve Sutkin, is scheduled for October 21, 2010, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m., at the BCANJ office in Edison. Please note this is a change in date; the program was originally scheduled for October 15. The program is offered at no charge, but space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 732.225.2265 or e-mail [akopin@bcanj.com](mailto:akopin@bcanj.com) for a registration form.

## Megabase Seminar

Via e-mail, BCANJ active members were notified of a free seminar hosted by the New Jersey Regional Council of Carpenters featuring representatives from various Federal agencies. The seminar, scheduled for October 15, 2010, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Burlington County Community College, will focus on how to do business with the Federal Government, specifically as it pertains to McGuire Air Force Base, Ft. Dix and Lakehurst Naval Air Station.

Signatory general contractors and subcontractors wishing to attend must register with the NJ Regional Council by calling Beverly Barnes at 732.417.9229, ext. 257.

## Student Summer Work Program

This year, eight summer interns successfully completed the Student Summer Work Program. In the next issue of the BUILDING CONTRACTOR magazine, we will include a special feature on the students' experiences.

## AGC/A 2011 Scholarships

Applications for the AGC of America Education and Research Foundation's 2011 scholarships are available on the AGC/A website, [www.scholarship.agc.org](http://www.scholarship.agc.org) or by calling the AGC/A Foundation at 703.837.5342. Deadline for application is November 1, 2010.

## Career in Construction Brochure

Enclosed you will find a "**Build Your Career in Construction**" brochure, published as part of our workforce development efforts in place of this year's Construction Industry Career Day. The brochure is being distributed to the training centers of our labor partners as well as nearly 2,500 high school guidance counselors across New Jersey.

## Government Affairs...

### ***Legislative Gaming Summits Conclude***

The last in a series of legislative gaming summits took place in late September at Monmouth Racetrack. The focus of the hearings has been the future of the gambling, horse racing and sports industries in our state. The summits have come in response to Governor Christie's Gaming Task Force's findings. BCANJ testified at past hearings and strongly advocated for future building projects to revitalize various gaming regions in the state, which could create opportunities for New Jersey contractors and the union workforce they employ. The Legislature will now have the task of implementing findings from the hearings into legislative action. BCANJ will maintain an active role in the development of these future legislative proposals.

### ***President Signs Small-Business Legislation***

In late September, President Obama signed legislation that will provide credit assistance and tax cuts for small businesses. The Small Business Jobs Act makes possible billions of dollars worth of tax cuts over the next 12 months by allowing companies to more quickly write off the cost of purchases. In addition, the newly signed legislation cuts fees and increases limits on loan guarantees offered by the US Small Business Administration.

### ***EPA Construction Stormwater Survey***

In Bulletin #80-10, BCANJ informed members that US EPA is currently collecting information from owners/developers of residential, non-residential, industrial and commercial sites via a survey. The survey was mailed in mid-September directing those in receipt of the questionnaire to complete it within 60 days. According to EPA, the Agency did not direct the survey to general contractors. However, if any member received the survey, it is

important to complete and submit it in advance of the 60-day deadline. Members can access the bulletin on the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website.

### ***Work Halted on ARC Tunnel***

As we alerted members in Hot Topics on our website, in mid-September the Federal Transit Administration halted any new work on the trans-Hudson tunnel for 30 days pending a review of project costs. NJ Transit is conducting the review.

## Safety News...

### ***OSHA 30-Hour Course***

As we told you in Bulletin #79-10, BCANJ will host an OSHA 30-Hour Construction Health & Safety Course December 7, 14 & 21, 2010 (Tuesdays), at the Association Office in Edison. The course will cover OSHA policies, procedures and standards as well as construction safety and health principles. The cost is \$329 per person for BCANJ and affiliated association members, and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and course materials. ***For your convenience, we have enclosed a registration form.***

### ***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 am to 5 pm at the Association Office, Edison. The OSHA 502 is for individuals who have taken the OSHA 500 and need to renew their certification. Cost is \$529 per person for BCANJ and affiliated association members. ***For your convenience, we have enclosed a registration form.***

### ***Multi-Employer Citation Policy Upheld***

In a reversal of a previous decision, on August 19, 2010, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission upheld OSHA's multi-employer citation

policy. The policy allows OSHA inspectors to cite employers on multi-employer jobsites for violations even if those violations don't expose their own workers to occupational hazards. This latest decision was made in the well-known Summit Contractors case, which has seen decisions go to opposite extremes several times since OSHA issued the citation in 2005.

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

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

### **Resumes on File**

#### ***General Superintendent***

General Superintendent with more than 35 years of experience in the construction industry in New Jersey and New York. Proven track record of supervising complex, high-profile projects with aggressive completion dates, within budget and achieving owner satisfaction. Winner of numerous safety awards and a LEED Gold certification. For a copy of this resume, please contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

#### ***Surveyor***

Individual has more than 10 years of Land Surveying experience and thorough knowledge of principles, practices and procedures of ALTA and topographic surveys, construction stakeouts, data collectors, mortgage and boundary surveys and field-book data maintenance. Familiar with survey equipment and computer programs such as AutoCAD and CoGo Survey. For a copy of this resume, please contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

#### ***Office Manager/Bookkeeper***

Experienced office manager/bookkeeper with more than 25 years of experience in both for-profit and not-for-profit businesses. Extremely organized and

proficient in handling high volumes of sensitive and confidential records, this individual is conversant with major accounting software, corporate banking and investing, 401k and 403b administration, ADP and Paychex payroll systems, state and federal tax reporting, insurance, cash-flow projections and much more. For a copy of the resume, please contact BCANJ at 732.225.2265.

### **Associate Member**

When visiting [www.bcanj.com](http://www.bcanj.com) during the month of October, you will see our first-featured website advertiser: **Allied Fire & Safety Equipment Co.** of Neptune. By clicking on their logo, which will appear on the scroll throughout the site, you will be directed to their site. Allied is a participating Associate member of BCANJ and is working hard to promote Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2010. As always, we encourage you to support Allied and our Associate members.

### **November Holidays**

The following holidays in November are observed by the General Construction Trades:

**Thursday, November 11:** Veterans' Day  
**Thursday, November 25:** Thanksgiving Day

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

### **Mark Your Calendar: BCANJ Annual Meeting**

The last membership meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. at the Robert Meyner Reception Center, PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, NJ. Look for more information in a future mailing.