

**Building
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of New Jersey**

MONTHLY UPDATE

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Labor Binder Updates

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

B-#45-12 Wages & Fringe Benefits
Dockbuilders, Local No. 1556
Effective 5/1/2012

B-#46-12 Wages & Fringe Benefits
Cement Masons & Plasterers,
Local No. 29 – Hudson County
Effective 5/1/2012

B-#47-12 Wages & Fringe Benefits
Northeast Regional Council of
Carpenters, Drywall Finishers,
Local No. 39
Effective 5/1/2012

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**Business Agent Directory
Updated**

Via Bulletin #51-12, we told you BCANJ's "Directory of New Jersey Building Trades Councils and Business Agents" has been updated. It contains a listing of International Union Presidents, New Jersey International Union Representatives and New Jersey Building Trades Councils by County, as well as the Business Agents by Trade. Active members may download the PDF from the "Members Only" section of the BCANJ website, www.bcanj.com.

Construction Symposium Draws Members

BCANJ's "Construction Symposium 2012 and Beyond: A Hard Look at Labor & Legal Issues" drew a large complement of members on May 2, 2012. Members heard from four labor leaders: Raymond Pocino of the Laborers International Union; Michael Capelli of the Northeast Regional Council of Carpenters; Richard Tolson of the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers; and Greg Lalevee of Operating Engineers, Local No. 825. Discussion of legal issues was led by Jack Widman and Daniel Brennan of Susanin Widman & Brennan, PC. Among the many issues discussed were restructuring operations to become more efficient, changes to fringe benefit structure to contain costs, forecast of manhours for this year and next, withdrawal liability, efforts to combat non-union and open-shop competition, and how labor and management jointly can overcome challenges.

Special Program: Compliance for Public Contracts

In Bulletin #50-12, members received notice of a special program hosted jointly by BCANJ and AGC of NJ on navigating the dangerous shoals of public contract compliance. Scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the BCANJ office in Edison, this half-day program will highlight a variety of

compliance issues and best practices for addressing them. Specialists from Peckar & Abramson, P.C., will discuss requirements for subcontracting to disadvantaged business enterprises, prevailing wage and Davis-Bacon reporting, affirmative action and set-aside contracts, and much more. Registration cost is \$25 per person, and reservations must be received by June 21, 2012. *A copy of the reservation form is enclosed.*

June Scholarship Luncheon

In Bulletin #43-12, members received an invitation to BCANJ's June Membership Meeting, hosted jointly with AGC of New Jersey and the Floor Covering Institute of New Jersey on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, at 12 Noon at The Westwood in Garwood, NJ. The luncheon will feature recognition of BCANJ'S Presidents' Scholarship winners and FCINJ's Scholarship recipient, as well as the BCANJ and AGC of NJ Annual Safety Awards (see enclosed Safety Update). *Please download the bulletin from the BCANJ website or call the office at 732.225.2265 for reservations.*

BCANJ Annual Golf Outing

BCANJ's Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner is scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2012, 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. *Space is limited for this popular event, so we urge you to return the enclosed reservation form as soon as possible to the Association office.*

BCANJ to Host BIM 101 Class

In Bulletin #44-12, we announced BCANJ will host **BIM 101: An Introduction to Building Information Modeling**, a full-day course scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2012, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Association office in Edison. The course is part of the BIM Education Program created by AGC of America and offered by affiliated chapters. The \$350 fee for BCANJ members includes the course manual, a light breakfast and lunch. *The registration form is attached and the bulletin is on the “Members Only” section at www.bcanj.com.*

LEED Grant Update

In Bulletin #49-12, we reminded Active Members of the extension to a grant from the State Employment Training Commission to provide reimbursement to members’ employees for costs associated with successfully completing LEED certification. While BCANJ was able to secure that extension, which is set to expire December 31, 2012, we have been

approached by the SETC to consider de-obligating the balance as the level of participation has waned. Therefore, we had asked members to contact the Association by May 31, 2012, should any employees express an interest in taking advantage of the grant program. We will maintain the grant as long as there is a level of interest. If you have questions, please call 732.225.2265.

Top NJ CM Firms

NJBiz released its 2012 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., Clifton
- 2 Joseph Jingoli & Son, Lawrenceville
- 4 Skanska USA Building, Parsippany
- 14 Turner Construction Co., Somerset
- 16 Torcon Inc., Red Bank
- 19 Barr & Barr Inc., Franklin Lakes
- 22 Lend Lease LMB Inc., Ewing
- 25 Wm. Blanchard Co., Springfield
- 33 Stanker & Galetto Inc., Vineland
- 37 Berkowsky and Associates Inc., Cranbury
- 39 Nurminen Construction Corp., Hawthorne

Legislative News...

Bill to Limit Naming of Subs

One of BCANJ's top legislative priorities, which would limit the naming of subcontractors at the time of bid, was released from its Assembly Committee assignment in mid-May. Subsequently, the bill was posted for a full floor vote in the Assembly. We are pleased to report the bill achieved unanimous (77-0) final passage from the lower house on May 24, 2012. The bill will see committee action in the Senate during the first week in June.

Safety News...

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

Labor News...

Pension Fund 2012 Zone Status

The latest "Survey of Calendar-Year Plans' 2012 Zone Status" has been released by the Segal Company, and shows the proportion of multiemployer pension plans in the green zone declined by four percentage points during 2011, from 66% to 62%. In addition, 13% of the plans that were certified as green zone are projected to migrate to the yellow or red zones, up from 3% of the previous years' projection.

Illegal Immigration Crackdown

The agency didn't announce this year's "silent raids," but Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) confirmed that as of March 29, 2012, the agency has notified 500 businesses "of all sizes and types" to turn over I-9 employment eligibility forms and other documents for audit. Since January 2009, ICE has audited more than 7,500 companies suspected of hiring illegal workers and imposed \$100 million in fines.

NLRB "Quickie Election" Rule Struck Down

The National Labor Relations Board's "quickie election" rule, which went into effect April 30, 2012, was struck down by a federal judge on May 14, 2012. The rule would have expedited the union representation election process. AGC of America and other business groups expressed strong opposition to the rule.

Independence Day

Independence Day will be observed on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. It is a holiday for the general construction trades. Please refer to the contract Summary in your labor information binder for provisions regarding holidays.