



MONTHLY BULLETIN



South Jersey Mechanical Contractors Association

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PROMPT PAY LEGISLATION

Governor Jon S. Corzine signed legislation on September 1st at the Clarion Hotel in Cherry Hill creating a standardized process for prompt payment of construction contracts to prime contractors. The new law applies to contractors and construction projects at all levels of government as well as the private sector. The legislation requires that the contractor receive payment within 30 days of the billing date provided that the contractor meets the terms of the agreed upon construction contract and the billing meets the approval of the owner. If the owner does not make payment within the 30-day time frame, the legislation holds them to be liable for the remaining balance plus interest at a rate equal to the prime rate plus one percent. Previously, the law only applied to contractors and subcontractors and did not hold project owners responsible for late payments or late payment interest penalties. **Great effort by Matt McDermott, SJMCA's lobbyist for testifying in support of the legislation that will benefit all contractors and suppliers.**

RESIDENTIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The "**HVAC Replacement- \$150 Rebate Program**" is now underway. This program is available to all Residential contractors as well as Residential Industry Fund contributors. Contact the SJMCA office for rebate forms.

SJMCA AWARDS \$7,000 IN US SAVINGS BONDS – LARGEST AMOUNT EVER

Seven distinguished apprentices were recognized at graduation for perfect attendance at the September union meeting and presented with a \$1,000 US Savings Bond. Recipients were: Allen Buck, Denise Dayoc, Roger Decaires, Michael Maralda, Thomas O'Neill, Ryan Stetser and David Verna.

ATTENTION PLUMBERS

ICC - The International Code Council has terminated attempts to merge the International Plumbing Code with the Uniform Plumbing Code. It took time and energy during the process to ensure that contractors were properly represented on new combined code committees under the proposed merger. The PHCC-NA was in pretty good shape because the plan was to adopt the UPC process. Now, however, they need to revert back to fighting for their proper place on the International Plumbing Code Committee.

NSPC Code Committee - The National Standard Plumbing Code committee, at a recent public hearing, approved significant changes to the NSPC. The Committee reviewed and voted on 125 proposed code changes to the 2006 edition of the NSPC. The changes were approved and will appear in the 2007 supplement to the 2006 NSPC. The hearing was well attended by a cross-section of industry representatives. To order a copy of the 2006 NSPC, please contact the PHCC-NJ State Office.

TRAINING

The NJ Small Business Development Center, Rutgers University-Camden (RSBDC) is part of a statewide network of service providers that offer FREE counseling and LOW COST training to Entrepreneurs in the state of NJ. The RSBDC has been in existence for over 25 years and has helped thousands of individual start and build successful businesses. If you are just starting up, need financing, need help with a business plan or need assistance marketing your business the RSBDC can help. The award winning experienced consultants at the RSBDC provide training & counseling in Burlington, Camden, Gloucester and Salem counties. Please visit the website for further details www.rsdbc.org

"LABOR OF LOVE PROJECT" – HEART OF CAMDEN A dedication ceremony will take place for the completion of the house renovation on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 11:00 AM at 1725 Ferry Avenue, Camden, New Jersey.

NJSCHOOLS CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION –CONTRACTORS CONFERENCE

DATE: October 30, 2006
TIME: 1:00 – 5:30 PM Info Sessions, Reception 5:30-6:30 PM
LOCATION: NJ Convention Center, Edison, NJ

Opportunities to learn about:

- \$1 billion in upcoming school construction work statewide
 - How to bid on SCC projects
 - Recent reforms at the SCC
 - Prequalifying for SCC work

To register for this event, call 609-943-4688 or by visiting the website, www.njscc.com

WELCOME NEW CONTRACTOR MEMBERS

- CM3 Building Solutions, Inc., 4667C Somerton Road, Trevoze, PA 19053
- Four Seasons HVAC, 745 Philadelphia Avenue, Egg Harbor City, NJ 08214

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Wed.-October 18th-SJMCA/BCASJ "Can We Talk"-Scotland Run
- Wed-November 15th-SJMCA General Monthly Meeting-Scotland Run
- Fri-December 15th-SJMCA Annual Meeting-Bally's, Atlantic City