



## **NJ ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 2025 MEMBER UPDATE**

### **United States Department of Transportation Issues Guidance on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Programs**

USDOT Secretary Sean Duffy, released guidance on how State DOTs should proceed in light of several recent court decisions across the United States.

The Interim Final Rule removes race- and sex-based presumptions from the definitions of “socially and economically disadvantaged individual,” and instead provides that the owner of a DBE applicant must demonstrate on a case-by-case basis that the individual meets the criteria described in 49 CFR § 26.67.8.

NJDOT is in the process of implementing these new requirements. NJAPA has been advised that moving forward, federally funded projects will not include a DBE goal. The USDOT Memo is provided [HERE](#).

### **Federal Government Shutdown- Paving Work to Continue**

NJDOT has advised NJAPA that the current Fiscal Year 2026 will continue as planned and no NJDOT projects are in jeopardy of losing funding based on the Federal government shutdown.

## Registration for CIAP Career Fair Now Open

Contractor Registration is now open for the CIAP of NJ Career Fair. The Bulletin, Registration Form, and Program Overview are included [HERE](#).

This program is open to CIAP contributing contractor firms.

Should you have any questions please contact Kevin Monaco at [Kevin@NJAPA.com](mailto:Kevin@NJAPA.com)

## NJAPA Members Join NJ Construction Materials Association Members for Congressional Office Visits

NJAPA members joined with other industry representatives at the recent Legislative and Policy Summit coordinated by the National Asphalt Pavement Association, National Ready Mix Concrete Association and the National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association.

The NJ delegation met with Members of Congress and Senior Staff at 8 Congressional Offices. Discussion focused on the need for continued and increased investment in our Nation's roadway system and the need to fully fund our Highway Trust Fund. Other topics of discussion included efforts to incentivize the use of recycled materials and the need for reforms to our current permitting system. The current Federal Highway funding program expires on September 30, 2026, the Congress is already working to draft a reauthorization of the program. NAPA has submitted comments to the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee which are available for review [HERE](#).



Members of NJAPA and NJCMA are pictured with Congressman Robert Menendez, Jr.



Members of NJAPA & NJCMA are pictured with Congressman Tom Kean

## **Women of Asphalt, NJ Branch Event**



Please join the Women of Asphalt, NJ Branch on October 15, 2025 for Paving the Way to Sustainability - Earle Asphalt Plant Tour. Attendees will meet at Earle Asphalt Plant, 655 S. Hope Chapel Road, Jackson, NJ at 9:30am, the program will start at 10am and there will be a networking lunch at 12 noon.

Registration is free, however, you must register to attend. Please email Stacey Lindenmuth in the NJAPA office at [staceyl@njapa.com](mailto:staceyl@njapa.com) by Friday, October 10, 2025. Please include your name, company and if you will be attending the lunch. For more details and to registration [click here](#).

### Don't Miss These Upcoming NJAPA Events

- October 15, 2025 - Women of Asphalt, NJ Branch Event - Paving the Way to Sustainability - Earle Asphalt Plant Tour, Jackson, NJ - [Click here](#) to register
- December 4, 2025 - NJAPA Holiday Luncheon - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ
- January 11-15, 2026- TRB Annual Meeting - Washington, DC - [Click here](#) to register
- January 26 - 29, 2026 - NAPA Annual Meeting - Scottsdale, AZ
- March 3 - 7, 2026 - CONEXPO/CON-AGG - Las Vegas, NV
- March 10, 2026 - 69th Annual NJAPA Paving Conference - Forsgate Country Club, Jamesburg, NJ

Contact the NJAPA office if you have any questions.

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