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Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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Mike Rowe with “Dirty Jobs” Visits Mobile

Mike Rowe and “Dirty Jobs” crew Visit Mobile Contractor while filming
“GoBuild Alabama” advertisement.

[To view the interview held with CNBC during the filming, please click here.](#)

Call for Entries:

South Alabama Construction News Magazine

Articles and ads are currently being accepted for the Summer Issue of the "South Alabama Construction News Magazine". Deadline is July 8th. Please take advantage of this opportunity to get your information out to over 650 contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers, in the Mobile, Baldwin County area.

For more information please contact Charlotte Kopf or Katherine Galanos: 251-344-8220 or mobagc@bellsouth.net.

To view 2010 Summer Issue, please click on the following link:
[2010 South Alabama Construction News Summer Issue](#)

Cost for Ads: \$600. Full page
\$300. Half page
\$150. ¼ page

July Events at a Glance

July 4th – Happy Independence Day - The Construction Center will be closed!

**July 12th – BCRBA Monthly Meeting – Fairhope Elks Club – 6:30 P.M.
Guest Speaker – Coach Joey Jones - USA**

**July 14th - Lunch & Learn - 11:30 A.M. at the AGC Office
Alabama's New Immigration Law - Greg Jones - Hand Arendall**

**July 19th -Free Safety Training on Fall Protection/Integrated Systems
at the AGC Office - 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**July 20th - Free Safety Training - Health Hazards in Construction
at the AGC Office - 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

July 21st - 7:30 A.M. - AGC Summer Prayer Breakfast

**July 26th - MCRBA-AGC July Meeting featuring ALDOT Highway Director
John Cooper 5:30 P.M. at the Country Club of Mobile**

Statute of Repose Legislation
Signed by Governor



Calling the new Statute of Repose a “good bill,” Gov. Robert Bentley signed the measure that reduces total contractor liability on completed jobs from 15 years to nine years.

The Alabama AGC revised and was instrumental in passing the bill, which the governor signed on June 14 with Alabama AGC staff and officers gathered in his office. Alabama AGC President Jimmy Latham, Vice President John G. Walton, CEO Henry T. Hagood, Jr. and Director of Governmental Affairs Chris Williams met with the governor before he signed the bill. Sen. Cam Ward, who sponsored the bill, also was there. The new Statute of Repose is seven years and the Statute of Limitations remains at two years.

“This is great for our industry,” Hagood said. “It helps keep liability for our contractors at a more reasonable level.

The new term is more in keeping with the standard in other states around the country.

“The Alabama AGC spent more than \$500,000 to help elect responsible legislators the result of this legislative session shows that. This is the most important piece of information legislation passed during this last session.

A tremendous amount of credit goes to Chris Williams who chaired a coalition task for that shepherded this legislation through Montgomery. We also need to thank many of our members who contacted legislators at specific points throughout the session. That greatly helped us get results.”

Immigration Lunch & Learn – July 14th 11:30 A.M. at the AGC Office

The immigration law, which was just signed by the governor, could make a general contractor responsible for specialty contractors on a job. The law calls for the use of the federal E-Verify System to determine the legal status of employees.

Mobile Section will host a Lunch & Learn on July 14th at 11:30 am at the AGC office. Greg Jones, an attorney with Hand Arendall LLC, who counsels businesses regarding immigration compliance will facilitate the meeting.

Alabama’s new immigration law has been described by supporters and opponents alike as the toughest enforcement law in the country to date. **All Alabama businesses** need to understand the key provisions of the Act which will go into effect beginning September 1, 2011 (January 1, 2012 for employers performing state contracts).

Take advantage of this opportunity to learn how this new law will affect you!

Lunch will be served. Cost: \$10.00 per person

Reservations are Required: 251-344-8220 or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net

[To view flyer, please click here.](#)

FREE Construction Safety Training July 19th and 20th

Please take advantage of the following FREE classes:

July 19th- - Fall Protection/Integrated Safety Systems

The University of Alabama is offering a FREE one day Safety Training Course on Integrated Systems Safety/Fall Protection. The class will be held July 19th from 8:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the AGC Office. [Click here for more information.](#)

Melissa Bonds will be the instructor. Reservations are required: 251-344-8220.

July 20th - Health Hazards in Construction

The Construction Safety Council is offering a FREE one day Safety Training Class featuring Construction Health Hazards. The class will be taught by Melissa Bonds and will be held from 8:00 to 4:00 P.M. at the AGC office. Reservations are Required: 251-344-8220.

[Click here for more information.](#)

SAVE the DATE - August 12-13, 2011 Bonanza Day Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo and Golf Tournament

It's time to book your hotel and register for the 43rd Annual Bonanza Day Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo and Golf Tournament which will be headquartered again at the Big Game Fishing Club in Orange Beach, Alabama. Golf will be played over both Craft Farms courses in Gulf Shores.

A block of rooms has been secured at the Perdido Beach Resort.
Plan to be a part of the premier construction industry event of the summer.
"What Say Capt'n? IT'S TRADITION!"

Sponsors are being sought for this event. Please take a moment to view the Registration and Sponsorship Form below. We have lots of opportunities for you to participate and advertise your company.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Kopf or Katherine Galanos at 251-344--8220.

[To view Registration and Sponsorship Information -click here.](#)

3% Withholding Law Update:

Action Needed: AGC of America needs your help to ensure Congress understands the impact of withholding 3 percent of payments to contractors. You can help by contacting your congressional delegation, writing to the local media and spreading the word with your friends, family and industry partners.

[To view talking points, sample letters, etc. please click on this link.](#)

Sessions, Bonner and Shelby need to be contacted Immediately - ask them to vote to REPEAL this legislation.

Background:

On May 9, 2011 the IRS issued [final regulations](#) for the implementation of the 3% withholding law. The regulations delay the effective date from 1/1/2012 to 1/1/2013, providing an extra year before payments are withheld. But the final regs also sunset the exclusion of payments under existing contracts after one year so that all payments will be subject to withholding as of 1/1/2014.

Beginning January 1, 2013, federal, state, and local governments will withhold 3% from each and every payment to contractors for goods and services. This withholding does not just apply to construction contracts, it applies to all contracts.

- This requirement applies to all government entities with total budgets of at least \$100 million; and
- Construction contractors are not alone. This affects payments for all goods and services under government contracts, as well as payments to any person for a service or product provided to a government entity, even Medicare and certain grants.

Fun in the Sun at Alabama AGC Convention – San Destin June 16th-19th - View Photos

*Alabama AGC's 2011 Convention was held June 16-19th at the San Destin Beach Hilton in Destin, FL. Appreciation is extended to all who participated.
[To view photos from the event, please click on this link](#) for our local facebook page.
[and this link](#) to our Chapter-wide website.*

Baldwin County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

**The July meeting will be held
Tuesday, July 12th at
the Fairhope Elks Club
6:30 P.M. - Social
7:00 P.M. - Dinner**

Guest Speaker - Coach Joey Jones - USA

Mobile County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

***The July Meeting will be held
Tuesday, July 26th, 2011
at the Country Club of Mobile
5:30 P.M. - Social
6:00 - Dinner***

***Guest Speaker will be John Cooper
Highway Director - ALDOT***

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Click here to see [what does AGC does for you?](#)

[Click here to learn more about AGC. AGC Fact Sheet](#)

Calendar of Events for 2011 ▶

Please view an updated [Calendar of Events for 2011](#)

Plans Available in LDI's Plan Room – Mobile, AL

The Alabama AGC Mobile Section is now offering its members a free plan room and weekly project news bulletin - through a partnership with LDI Reprinting Services.

Members can view plans at LDI's location - **1170-B West/I-65 Service Road South**-- around the corner from the AGC office. LDI also offers a full range of copying services available at the location for a fee.

Of course, Alabama AGC members still are encouraged to utilize the on-line services of **iSqft**, our chapter-wide internet plan room partner. Contact the Mobile Office at 251-344-8220 or mobagc@bellsouth.net

For more information on the plan room or membership in Alabama AGC.

To view plans available at LDI as of

[June 28th](#)

Or visit our website: www.theconstructioncenter.org

To reach LDI contact **Scott Cook**: 251-340-6093

Visit www.GoBuildAlabama.com Website

Alabama Construction Recruitment Institute (ACRI) continues their construction recruitment ads featuring Mike Rowe the host of "Dirty Jobs" . To learn more about joining the construction industry , visit the website www.GoBuildAlabama.com

AGC Member Discounts

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