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Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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July/August Events at a Glance

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

July 29th - Deadline to Nominate Entries into Alabama Construction Hall of Fame

There will **NOT** be a **BCRBA** Meeting during the month of August.

August 12-13 - BONANZA DAY!!!!

August 30th – MCRBA August Meeting featuring County Engineer Joe Ruffer
5:30 P.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

September 28-29 – Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo at the Greater Gulf States
Fairgrounds

**20 days and counting till
AGC Bonanza Day Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo and
Golf Tournament - August 12-13, 2011**

"What Say Capn'?

Bonanza Day is a 43 year old TRADITION!"

Plan to be a part of Lower Alabama's premier construction industry event of the summer.

With only 20 days to go until the construction industry descends upon Orange Beach -

registrations are still being accepted.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is August 4th!

Get your Registration in to the Mobile Section, AGC office **Today!**

Bonanza Day will again be headquartered at the Big Game Fishing Club in Orange Beach, Alabama

with the Golf tournament played over both Craft Farms courses in Gulf Shores. For all details

for this event, please view the [Registration Brochure](#).

A few rooms are still available through our block at the Perdido Beach Resort.

For room reservations call 1-800-634-7263, please refer to Booking ID #8416.

Please contact the Perdido Resort Today.

Sponsors are still being sought and reservations are still being accepted.

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 Details - Registration and Sponsorship Information -click here.](#)

Fishing Spots Available on AGC Charter Boat - "Annie Girl"

Each year Alabama AGC charters one boat to accommodate out of town fishermen and those

who do not have fishing accommodations. We have a few spots still available on the "Annie Girl".

The charter fee of \$425. (which includes food and beverages, fish cleaning and gratuity) is in

addition to the Bonanza Day registration fee. If you are interested in fishing on the Annie Girl,

please contact Charlotte Kopf as soon as possible. 251-344-8220.

3% Withholding Law Update:

YOUR Immediate 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.

Deadline of July 29th for Nominations to Alabama Construction Hall of Fame

Alabama AGC is seeking nominations for induction in the 2012 Alabama Construction Hall of Fame.

The deadline is July 29th. Please send nominations, including the name of the nominee and

company and a description of their qualifications not to exceed 250 words to Jennifer Chesnut:

Fax: 205-451-1499 or emails jenniferc@alagc.org.

Alabama AGC established the Construction Hall of Fame to honor and recognize outstanding individuals in the construction industry. It is open to those who serve or have served the non-residential construction industry in Alabama and the panhandle of Florida. General Contractors, specialty contractors, suppliers, architects, and engineers are eligible for induction. One must have served the non-residential construction industry for at least 25 years to be eligible.

For more information please contact Jennifer Chestnut in our Birmingham office: 1-800-632-2025

Classified – Job Opportunities

Employee Wanted:

Part-Time Accounting Assistant Bookkeeper

Local General Contractor seeking Part-time Accounting Assistant/Bookkeeper -

Must be able to perform Bank Reconciliations, analyze G/L, make journal entries, and complete P/R.

For more information, please contact Charlotte Kopf - Mobile Section, AGC: 251-344-8220 or email your resume confidentially: mobagc@bellsouth.net

Classified – Resumes on File

Mobile Section has several resumes on file of people seeking employment in the construction industry:

2011 USA Engineering graduates

Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical

2011 Auburn Building Science Graduates

Mobile Section Member News

(All members are encouraged to submit articles for Member News - Please contact Charlotte Kopf - mobagc@bellsouth.net)

WHITE-SPUNNER CONSTRUCTION PROJECT WINS AIA AWARD

Parking Garage Built with Green Initiatives Honored

Mobile, AL (July 19, 2011) - A unique parking garage constructed by Mobile-based White-Spinner Construction, Inc. (WSC) was recently recognized by the Mississippi Chapter of the American Institute of Architects with an Honor Award; one of only two such awards given by the association annually.

Allison Anderson, architect on the project and a principal with the firm Unabridged Architecture of Bay St. Louis, MS, was recently presented with the award at the Chapter's annual meeting in San Destin, FL. The recognition was given in part because of the project's sustainable features.

"White-Spinner Construction really made this project successful," said Anderson. "Since they were a firm that was familiar with green processes, they took a leadership role. White-Spinner worked through issues that were not standard practice and helped establish a basis for sustainable construction practices which I hope we will build on in south Mississippi."

White-Spinner Construction completed the project in September, 2010. The nearly 3.2 million dollar parking garage is a Net Zero energy project which means the structure generates as much power as it uses. The 31,680 sq. foot garage special features include solar panels, power backup, and pile foundation. The project also includes an exposed cast in-place "planked finish" plastic underground rainwater collection tank for irrigation purposes. Other notable features include green screen panels to create a "Living Wall" where plants will grow along wire panels to create a green landscape. The two-story parking deck also allows for the future creation of a civic center on the building's third floor.

"We are honored to be a part of this project that was recognized by the Mississippi AIA. White-Spinner Construction believes in green practices and we appreciate the opportunity Unabridged Architecture gave us to put those principles to work. The Bay St. Louis parking garage is a model for future sustainable construction," said Seth Smith, project manager for WSC.

WSC also used sustainable practices to prepare the site, which was a former county jail. Concrete was ground up and used for aggregate and the jail's concrete slab became an offshore fishing reef.

Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo – September 28-29 Help us Introduce Construction to 12,000 8th Grade Students in Southwest Alabama

The first Annual “Worlds of Opportunity” Career Expo held last Fall in Mobile, hosted over 9000 8th grade students, teachers, and counselors from 8 Southwest Alabama counties. This was the first hands-on expo of this size ever held in Alabama. The **“World of Construction”** was one of eleven industries included and was by far the largest “world” with hands on demonstrations held inside and outside of the Fairgrounds.

The event is being produced by SAWDC (South Alabama Workforce Development Council). **AGC is helping coordinate the 2011 World of Construction and hope that you will help us with this hugely successful two day event.**

We have already confirmed a number of sponsors but need additional help with hands-on activities, equipment, and supplies.

[Click here to view 2011 “World of Construction” Exhibit Partners and Sponsors to date.](#)

We are seeking additional exhibitors, hands-on activities, sponsors, and partners. Please contact Charlotte Kopf 251-344-8220 if you are interested in helping.

Overview of Event:

On September 28th & 29th 2011 the Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Commission Region 9, in cooperation with local industries, Municipalities, and Mobile County Public Schools will present the Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo at the Greater Gulf State Fair Grounds.

Every 8th grade student in an 8 county region is invited to attend.
(Approximately 10,000 -12,000 students).

Business and industry leaders, workforce development and career center representatives, along with school representatives are collaborating and partnering to introduce this event to our region. A hands-on event of this type has never been held in Alabama. This event is crucial to influencing the workforce of tomorrow – today, by educating students on the vast availability of careers in the Southwest Alabama region.

The “Worlds of Opportunity” will include the following “worlds” or industry sectors:

1. Energy, (Alabama Power, Mobile Gas)

2. Construction: Industrial, Commercial, Residential and Highway
3. Safety
4. Architecture and Engineering,
5. Maritime,
6. Aerospace,
7. Manufacturing: Paper, Chemical, Steel, Process,
8. Auto Technology/Painting, Collision, Mechanics,
9. Public Service,
10. Health Care, and
11. HOSPITALITY

[Click here to view article and photos from the 2010 World of Construction.](#)

[Click here to View the 2010 Booklet which was given to each student.](#)

View SAWDC's website: www.worldsofopportunity.org to view short video from 2010.

If you are interested in helping with the World of Construction - please contact Charlotte Kopf 251-344-8220 mobagc@bellsouth.net

Welcome New Mobile Section, Alabama AGC Members

AGC would like to welcome the following New Members to our Association:

The Seawell Firm, LLC

P.O. Box 40848

Mobile, AL 36640

251-476-4419

General and Legal Services for Small Businesses, Corporate Organization and Business Planning

Contact: Henry Seawell, IV

Email: hseawell@seawellfirm.com

Website: www.seawellfirm.com

News from National AGC

Data DiGest dated July 19, 2011

Ken Simonson, Chief Economist, Associated General Contractors of America

Phone: 703-837-5313 • Fax: 703-837-5407 Email: simonsonk@agc.org

DATA DIGEST

Construction costs rise year-over-year despite dip in June; power, energy remain hot



Download the one-page Data DiGest

[Click here to view June PPI tables. Sign up now for 8/3 webinar on construction costs with me. Jason Schenker, Prestige Economics; John Cross, AISC.](#)

Construction costs again outpaced other producer prices in June but contractors remained unable to recoup

the costs through higher bid prices, according to an analysis of producer price index figures released July 14, by AGC. [Read more...](#)

EPA Will Not Require Lead Paint Clearance Testing; AGC's Work Pays Off

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has decided against expanding its Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (LRRP) rule to include lead-dust sampling and clearance testing requirements, the Agency **announced** on July 15. AGC played a key role in communicating the construction industry's concerns with the proposed "clearance testing" requirements. AGC working alongside a coalition of real estate and development groups to present a collective industry voice that has led EPA to refrain from straddling contractors with costly and unnecessary dust wipe sampling and laboratory analysis requirements.

After reviewing AGC's and other **public comments** and available science, EPA has abandoned its plan to require contractors to test dust to prove the absence of lead following construction projects covered by the federal LRRP rule. AGC praises EPA for rightly recognizing that the existing lead-safe work practices and clean up requirements under the LRRP rule — **which just became fully implemented in April 2010** — will protect people from any lead dust created during renovation jobs, without the need for additional costly clearance requirements. [Read More](#)

Call for ARTICLES: South Alabama Construction News Magazine

Articles and ads are currently being accepted for the Summer Issue of the "South Alabama Construction News Magazine".

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

Baldwin County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

There will **NOT** be an **August meeting** of the Baldwin County Road Builders/
The next meeting will be held September 13th at 6:30 P.M.
at the Fairhope Elks Club.
The guest speaker will be Vince Calametti with ALDOT.

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*

Are you getting the most out of your AGC Membership? ▲

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

[July 19th](#)

Or visit our website: www.theconstructioncenter.org

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

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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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