



Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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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

June - July Events at a Glance

June 16-19 - AlabamaAGC Chapterwide Convention
SanDestin Beach Hilton

June 22nd - ASSE Meeting - 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. - International Trade Club -
World Class Safety-On and Off the Job”

June 28th

AGC Board of Directors Meeting - 11:30 A.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

MCRBA-AGC Monthly Meeting - 5:30 P.M. at the Country Club of Mobile
Guest Speaker - Nick Amberger - City of Mobile

June 29th

YCF Steering Committee Meeting - 4:00 P.M. at the AGC Office

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.

Alabama AGC Legislative Update

To view Alabama AGC's Legislative Update provided by Chris Williams -
Alabama AGC's Governmental Liaison please click below.

[**AGC Legislative Update June 3, 2011**](#)

Statute of Repose Legislation Receives Final Passage

The entire Construction Industry was boosted by a big win as the Statute of Repose Legislation received final passage. When signed by the Governor today, the length of repose that a licensed Architect, Engineer or General Contractor is responsible for will change from thirteen to seven years. Special appreciation is extended to Chris Williams, AlabamaAGC's Director of Governmental Relations for his hard work in helping to pass this legislation.

Tort Reform

The Tort Reform Package that passed this legislative session coupled with our Statute of Repose Legislation is a **big victory** for our industry, [Click this link to read a summary of these bills.](#)

Immigration Legislation

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.

Alabama AGC is planning chapter-wide training on the bill, which takes effect next year. Tanner & Guin in Tuscaloosa has provided the Alabama AGC with a summary document on immigration. [Click this link to see it.](#)

Recap of City of Mobile's Seminar on Right-of-Way Permitting Procedures

On May 5th, the City of Mobile hosted a seminar on their Right-Way-Way Permitting Procedures.

[Click here to view Power Point Presentation.](#)

BCRBA Annual Golf Tournament - Timber Creek

The BCRBA Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Timber Creek Golf Course on June 2nd. Appreciation is extended to all of the sponsors and participants.

[To view BCRBA Golf Tournament winners, please click here.](#)

[To view photos from this event click here.](#)

MCRBA Honors John Murphy, Jr. - Assistant County Engineer

The Mobile County Road Builders Association honored John Murphy, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement after 36 years with Mobile County Engineering. The May meeting was dedicated in his honor. The association expressed their pleasure in having worked with Mr. Murphy over the years and wished him well in his retirement.

[To view photos, please click on this link.](#)

ASSE Meeting - June 22nd 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. - International Trade Club

The American Society of Safety Engineers has invited AGC members to participate in their June meeting which will be held June 22nd at the International Trade Club - Killian Room - from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00

P.M.

Don Wilson, VP of SafeStart Safety Training will discuss "World Class Safety-On and Off the Job".

[Please click here to view more information.](#) Reservations are required by June 20th: 251-344-8220

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 make fishing arrangements 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 already been secured at the Perdido Beach Resort. Plan to be a part of the premier event of the summer. **IT'S TRADITION!**

Sponsors are being sought for Golf and Fishing Tournaments. For more information, please contact Charlotte Kopf or Katherine Galanos at 251-344--8220.

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

[To view Save the Date flyer please click here.](#)

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

Place Your Order for Bonanza Day T-Shirts and Fishing Shirts

Orders are being taken for Bonanza Day 43rd Annual T-Shirts and Fishing Shirts.

Orders must be in by Thursday, June 30th. Place your order by filling out the attached form and please send it back to the AGC Office by fax or email as soon as possible! [Click this link for an order form.](#)

Welcome New AGC Members

C & H Construction Services, LLC.

P.O. Box 2252

Daphne, AL 36526

251-625-6890

Install guardrails on Highway

Contacts: Roman Clayton, Pepper Huff

Email: romanclayton@candhconst.com

Member News:

Alissa Smith Joins Kenworth of Mobile

Alissa Smith has recently joined the Truck Sales team at Kenworth of Mobile.

She brings with her over 3 years experience in the construction industry.

Alissa currently serves as an Associate Director of the Mobile Section AGC Board.

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Engineering News Record (ENR) Magazine latest ranking includes White-Spunner Construction in 2011 Top 400 U.S. Contractors

White-Spunner Construction, Inc. was once again selected for inclusion in the list of construction companies ranked in the 2011 Top 400 U.S. Contractors by *Engineering News Record (ENR)* magazine.

The Mobile, AL-based general contracting, design build and construction management firm was ranked 351 on the top contractor's list for 2011 according to the magazine.

ENR's 2011 Top 400 Contractor list ranks the 400 largest General Contractors by 2010 revenue. *ENR* stated that this year's list is a good illustration of how tough the recession has been. Overall revenue of the top 400 fell to \$259.41 billion in 2010, down 10.8 percent from \$290.91 billion in 2009. Revenue inside the U.S. fell 11.5 percent to \$208.16 billion, while international revenue fell 7.8 percent to \$51.24 billion.

"All construction companies have felt the effect of a tough economy," said WSC CEO, John White-Spinner.

"We have responded to these challenges by working harder than ever to grow and prosper and to expand our client base. This ranking once again proves our company's continued economic viability despite a tough economy. Every construction project awarded to us is an honor and for each we remain grateful.

However, we also remain very aware that successful sustained growth for our company and those we serve

requires continuous work opportunities locally, regionally and nationally. Opportunities to provide new and repeat customers with competitive bids or negotiated contract services on any construction project – large or small – are appreciated."

All Members are encouraged to submit articles for the Member News section of this eNewsletter. Please contact Charlotte Kopf at 251-344-8220 or mobagc@bellsouth.net

AGC-MCRBA-BCRBA Members help North Alabama Tornado Victims

Mobile Section, AGC and Mobile County Road Builders Association, each donated over \$1,000 and Baldwin County Road Builders donated \$500 which helped purchase supplies needed for the North Alabama Tornado victims.

Our local associations worked in conjunction with Alabama AGC who helped coordinate relief efforts for the tornado victims in North Alabama. As part of this effort, the association collected items which were then distributed to the victims through a faith based organization. The AlabamaAGC headquarters in Irondale served as a collection point for these items.

Appreciation is extended to the many firms and individuals who delivered items to "The Construction Center" for the relief efforts. Thanks to these generous donations we were able to deliver a full truck load of items to Birmingham on May 9th. Appreciation is extended to **Transport Commercial Leasing** for donating the truck. [\(To view a list of the companies and individuals who donated - click here\).](#) Thank you all for your support!

Alabama AGC and the Young Constructors Forum in Birmingham are planning several work days for members to pitch in and help. If you are interested in helping, please contact Bill Caton 800-632-2025.

We ask that you continue to keep the victims and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

News from National AGC

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DATA DIGEST

Beige Book shows spotty gains; homebuilders say market-rate rental market improves

“Reports from the 12 Federal Reserve districts indicated that economic activity generally continued to expand since the last report, though a few districts indicated some deceleration,” the Fed reported on Wednesday in the latest Beige Book, a summary of informal soundings of businesses in the districts, which are referred to by their headquarters cities. “Some slowing in the pace of growth was noted in the New York, Philadelphia, Atlanta, and Chicago districts. In contrast, Dallas characterized that region’s economy as accelerating....

to read more...  [Download the one-page Data DIGest](#)

CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL COST INCREASES PLAGUE CONTRACTORS IN MAY AS FINISHED BUILDING PRICES REMAIN FLAT, THREATENING FIRMS’ VIABILITY

Latest Producer Price Index Figures Show Contractors are Paying More for Gypsum, Asphalt, Aluminum, Plastics and Steel, Costs They Can’t Pass On Amid Stagnant Demand for Construction

Contractors suffered from a new round of price increases for key materials in May but were largely unable to pass their costs along to customers, according to an analysis of producer price index figures released today by the Associated General Contractors of America. Association officials said the ongoing cost squeeze—a result of sluggish demand for construction—threatens to drive more construction employees and firms out of work unless public officials lower barriers to public and private investment.

“New cost pressures bubbled up in May, even as prices moderated for a few items,” said Ken Simonson, the association’s chief economist. “Meanwhile, contractors have largely held the line on their bids in order to win work while demand for construction remains tepid at best.”

Simonson noted that the producer price index for all construction materials increased by 0.9 percent in May and 7.5 percent over the past 12 months. The year-over-year figure has accelerated steadily for the past four months. Meanwhile, the price of finished buildings was flat in May and rose only 1.8 percent or less over the past year, depending on building type.

Simonson said there were substantial price increases in May for wallboard and other gypsum products, which rose 4.3 percent from April; asphalt paving mixtures and blocks, 3.2 percent; aluminum mill shapes, 2.6 percent; construction plastics such as pipe and insulation, 1.8 percent; and steel mill products, 1.1 percent. He added that two other key materials had price declines for the month but were still far costlier than a year ago: diesel fuel, down 3.2 percent for the month but up 39.5 percent since May 2010, and copper and brass mill shapes, down 4.0 percent since April but up 17.0 percent year-over-year.

“Federal spending on infrastructure is fading fast, while most private demand has yet to pick up,” Simonson observed.

“As a result, contractors are being pinched by higher costs they can’t roll into their bids, and many firms are at risk of closing their doors, which would add to the industry’s already-high 16 percent unemployment rate.”

Association officials said it is vital that Congress and the White House enact long-overdue infrastructure bills and repeal a law that will require all levels of government to begin withholding three percent of payments to contractors by 2013. “Forcing contractors to earn less even as you slash the amount of work available for them to perform is not a good way to boost employment or revive the economy,” said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association’s chief executive officer.

[View the latest producer price index tables for construction.](#)

3% Withholding Law Update:

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.

Background:

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.

AGC is working with coalition partners toward full repeal of the 3% withholding requirement.

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.](#)

AGC Releases New Report: The Case for Infrastructure & Reform

The Case for Infrastructure & Reform makes a compelling case for a continued federal role in investing

in infrastructure while simultaneously calling for reforms to refocus federal programs. [Read More](#) ➔

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 Reproprinting 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 [@bellsouth.net](#)

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

[Click below](#) For a list of projects available at LDI's Office as of

Or visit our website: [.theconstructioncenter.org](#)

To reach LDI contact [Scott Cook](#): 251-340-6093

Visit [www.GoBuildAlabama.com](#) Website

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