



## Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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## OSHA 10 Hour Class will be held Monday & Tuesday Evenings – March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00 to 9:00 P.M

AGC will host an OSHA 10 Hour Class Monday & Tuesday evenings March 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the AGC Office. If you are interested, please contact Katherine Galanos 152-344-8220.

## Reminder - NEW City of Mobile Building Codes become effective MONDAY March 21, 2011

The Mobile City Council adopted new Building Codes for the City of Mobile in January. These new codes will go into effect **March 21, 2011.**

Click here to view the changes which were adopted by the City:  
[Newly Adopted City of Mobile Codes](#)  
AGC held a meeting with the City of Mobile Code Administration Section February 23rd to discuss the changes. For a copy of handouts used, please contact Charlotte Kopf at 251-344-8220.

## Vote **FOR** our Children and our Future on **Tuesday, March 22nd**

A referendum will be held on **Tuesday, March 22nd**, to renew school funding for Mobile County's public school system. Voters must select "**FOR**" three times on the ballot to vote to renew this important tax.

If you live in Mobile county this affects you! It is very important to note that these are **NOT new taxes** but simply an approval to continue three very important taxes that support the schools our children or grandchildren

may attend. Even if you have no children, the quality of our community is directly affected by the quality of education available in our county.

The consequences of losing this \$55 million per year are dire; at least 400 teachers would be laid off and programs available to the students will be scaled back drastically.

Failure to reapprove this funding will also hurt Mobile County's economic development . Mobile's success in attracting large businesses to the area is dependent on our schools' emphasis on workforce development and our ability to prepare our children for tomorrow's workforce.

**I encourage you to mark your calendar today so you will be sure to remember to go to the polls and vote in support of our schools on March 22nd.**

## Save the DATE - Thursday, April 7th Spring Crawfish Boil and Cookout at the AGC Office

Make your plans to attend our jointly sponsored Spring Crawfish Boil and Cookout sponsored by AGC-YCF-MCRBA-BCRBA. This fun event will be held Thursday, April 7th from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the AGC office 754 Downtowner Loop West. There is no charge to attend however, reservations are required: 251-344-8220

**Appreciation is extended to our generous sponsors!  
For more information, please contact Charlotte Kopf.**

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

Mobile Section – Alabama AGC  
 Young Constructors' Forum  
 Mobile County Road Builders Association  
 Baldwin County Road Builders Association

Invite you to attend their  
**2011 Crawfish Boil & Cookout**  
 Crawfish, Conecuh Sausage & Boston Butts  
**Thursday - April 7, 2011**  
 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
 The Construction Center  
 754 Downtowner Loop West, Mobile, AL 36609

*Appreciation is Extended to the Following Sponsors:*

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Gulf Coast Truck & Equipment/	Keith Mosley Construction
Transport Commercial Leasing	Turner Insurance & Bonding
Hanson Pipe & Precast	Virginia Wrecking

**There is no Charge to Attend this event, however Reservations are Required:**  
**Phone: 251-344-8220 • Email: agckgalanos@bellsouth.net**

## AGC Safety Lunch & Learn – Tuesday, April 5th at Safe Worker Alliance Facility

The **AGC Safety Committee** has scheduled Safety Lunch & Learn Awareness Classes for the **first Tuesday of each month** at 11:30 A.M. The classes will be facilitated by Safety Plus and held at SafeWorker Alliance's Training Facility located at 4260 Halls Mill Rd – Mobile 36693. The Committee will be touching on a variety of safety topics throughout

the year. Please plan to take advantage of these classes each month.

**In coordination with National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, our April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5th and the topic will be:  
Work Zone Safety.**

Lunch is being provided.

Reservations are required by contacting the AGC Office: 251-344-8220  
or [agckgalanos@bellsouth.net](mailto:agckgalanos@bellsouth.net).

## Alabama Legislative Update

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

[AGC Legislative Update March 4, 2010](#)

[AGC Legislative Update March 14, 2010](#)

## Changes to Alabama Ethics Laws

There are still lots of unanswered questions concerning the Alabama Ethics Laws. To view the recent changes please click here: [www.ethics.alabama.gov](http://www.ethics.alabama.gov)

## Statute of Repose Legislation

AGC, Alabama Road Builders, AIA, ABC, ACEC have all endorsed legislation which changes the liability period for licensed contractors, engineers, and architects in Alabama to a total of 6 years.

[To view the proposed legislation, please click here](#)

[To view an informational flyer to download, please click here](#)

**SAVE the DATE - August 12-13, 2011  
Bonanza Day Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo and  
Golf Tournament – UPDATED Registration Information**

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.](#)

## March-April Events

March 29th - AGC Board of Directors Meeting - 11:30 A.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

March 29th - MCRBA-AGC Joint Meeting 5:30 P.M. - Country Club of Mobile

April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> – National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week

April 5<sup>th</sup> – AGC Safety Lunch & Learn – 11:30 A.M.

April 7th - AGC-YCF-MCRBA-BCRBA Jointly Sponsored Crawfish Boil  
4:00 to 7:00 P.M. at the Construction Center

April 26th - MCRBA Meeting - 5:30 P.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

## Mobile Section, AGC Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, March 29th 11:30 A.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

The March Board meeting of the Mobile Section, AGC Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, March 29th at 11:30 A.M. at the Country Club of Mobile. Reservations are required. Please contact Katherine Galanos or Carol Graham at 251-344-8220.

## Mobile County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

*The March Meeting will be jointly sponsored by MCRBA and AGC  
**Tuesday, March 29, 2011** at the Country Club of Mobile  
5:30 P.M. - Social 6:00 P.M. Dinner  
**Guest Speaker: Bill Sisson - Mobile Airport Authority***

## Baldwin County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

**The April Meeting of BCRBA will be held Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
at 6:30 P.M. at the Fairhope Elks Club. Reservations are required:  
251-344-8220.

## **Reminder - AGC "Jack Terry Memorial" Spring Golf Tournament - April 28th at Heron Lakes**

The AGC Golf committee is **still** seeking sponsors for this event and we hope you will consider helping us. Each "Sponsor" will receive recognition in the registration and information flyers, on signs on the golf course throughout the day of the tournament and on the website. Sponsorships are available on a first come basis. The first 36 sponsors will be guaranteed a place in the tournament. This does not mean that there is no cost for your players, just that your team is guaranteed a place in the tournament.

[For a registration form and more information please click here.](#)

## **Classifieds**

Local subcontractor seeking bookkeeper with construction and Quick Books experience.  
For more information, please contact Charlotte Kopf at the AGC office: 251-344-8220.

## **Member News**



## Welcome to the Team!

Thomas J. Hemphill, REM, CHCM, has joined Thompson Engineering as a Senior Project Manager responsible for the business development, technical development and project execution of environmental services for the transportation market; specifically, environmental assessments performed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Department of Transportation in the Southeastern states. Tom will also serve as the Geographic Business Leader for our Pensacola, Florida office focused on business development for clients representing state and local

government, commercial and institutional markets. Tom has 31 years of experience (last 12 years in Northwest Florida) working for government, industry and the private sector. His experience includes complex regulatory permitting, threatened and endangered species, biological assessments, stream restoration, wetland services, NEPA documentation, water quality assessments, essential fish habitat evaluations, and coastal dune evaluations and plan development. Tom received his M.S., Environmental Science, (1977) and his B.A., Biological/Life Sciences, Wildlife Biology(1975) from Appalachian State University. He is a Registered Environmental Manager (REM, 1991) and a Certified Hazard Control Manager (CHCM, 1989).

## New Members

**AGC would like to welcome this New Member to our Association:**



### [Smith, Kolb & Associates](#)

**Smith, Kolb & Associates-** Smith, Kolb, & Associates is a full service Land Surveying firm located in Mobile, AL. One of their specialty services is Construction Staking and Layout. They also offer many other services including: As-Built Surveys, Boundary Surveys, Elevation Certificates, Foundation Surveys, Control Surveys, and Engineering Design Surveys, etc.

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## 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](mailto:mobagc@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 [March 18<sup>th</sup>](#)

Or visit our website: [www.theconstructioncenter.org](http://www.theconstructioncenter.org)

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

## AGC National Convention – Las Vegas - March 21-25

The AGC Annual Convention runs March 21-25 in Las Vegas at the Bellagio Hotel.

For more information

<http://convention.agc.org>. [Read More](#) ➔

## News from National AGC

### Data DiGest dated March 15, 2011

Ken Simonson, Chief Economist, Associated General Contractors of America

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#### DATA DIGEST

View construction employment numbers **by state** and **by metro area**.

Also view employment data since [January 2007 here](#).

Construction employment increased in January from a year earlier in 121 out of 337 metro areas for which BLS provides construction data, decreased in 163 and was unchanged in 53, AGC reported today. The number of areas with increases was up sharply from previous reports. [Read more....](#)

## **CONTRACTORS' COST SQUEEZE INTENSIFIES AS PRICES FOR NEW BUILDINGS STAGNATE WHILE CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL PRICES ESCALATE FURTHER IN FEBRUARY**

**Press Release: March 16, 2011**

*Latest Producer Price Index Figures Show Prices Soared for Diesel, Steel, Copper and Insulation Materials; Construction Association Officials Outline Measures to Help Industry Cope with Rising Costs, Low Demand*

Financial pressures on contractors grew worse in February as prices for key construction materials rose sharply even as prices construction firms charge for completed projects remained stagnant, according to an analysis of producer price index figures released today by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). Association officials said the price squeeze will make it harder for the construction industry to recover and urged federal officials to act on a series of recovery measures the group outlined yesterday.

“With construction spending hovering near a 10-year low, contractors are holding bids steady even while being hit with staggering price increases for key inputs,” said Ken Simonson, the association's chief economist. “That combination threatens to add to an already appalling toll of laid-off workers and shuttered construction firms.” [Read more.....](#)

## **National AGC Announces Plan for Construction Recovery**

AGC released a new national plan Tuesday detailing measures to stimulate demand for construction. The plan is necessary to reverse construction employment declines that have taken place in 317 out of 337 metro areas since January 2007, according to new data.

[Full press release.](#)

[Conference Call Remarks.](#)

[\*Building a Stronger Future: A New Blueprint for Economic Growth.\*](#)

[The Plan's Fact Sheet.](#)

[Metro construction employment changes since January 2007.](#)

[Metro construction employment changes since January 2010.](#)

[Listen to the media conference call.](#)

## 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](#)

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Alabama Construction Recruitment Institute (ACRI) recently launched their construction recruitment ads featuring Mike Rowe the host of "Dirty Jobs" . To view the ads and more information promoting our industry , visit the website [www.GoBuildAlabama.com](http://www.GoBuildAlabama.com) and go build Alabama!!!!

## AGC Member Discounts

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