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Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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May - June Events at a Glance

May 6th - 1:00 P.M. Join us as we Load a "Transport Commercial Leasing" Truck with

Supplies to be donated to Tornado Victims

May 10th – BCRBA Monthly Meeting – Fairhope Elks Club – 6:30 P.M.

May 19th - May Lunch & Learn - 11:30 A.M. - at The Construction Center
Alabama Lein Law - How to Get Paid in An Uncertain Economy

May 24th – AGC Board of Directors Meeting – 11:30 A.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

May 24th – MCRBA Monthly Meeting and Retirement Party for
John Murphy, Jr. Assistant Mobile County Engineer– 5:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
Courtyard Manor - 751 Dauphin St. Mobile, AL 36602

June 2nd – BCRBA Golf Tournament – Timber Creek Golf Course

June 16-19 - AlabamaAGC Chapterwide Convention

SanDestin Beach Hilton
June 28th - MCRBA-AGC Monthly Meeting - 5:30 P.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

Mobile and Baldwin County Contractors helping North Alabama Tornado Victims

Mobile Section, AGC and Mobile County Road Builders Association, each have donated over \$1,000. And Baldwin County Road Builders has donated \$500. to purchase supplies needed for North Alabama storm victims.

Appreciation is extended to the many firms and individuals who have already delivered items to our office for the relief effort .We are getting a nice collection to take with us to Birmingham on Monday. Thank you so much for your support.

Help Us Help Those Affected by the Storms in North Alabama

Today, May 5th, has been designated as "National Prayer Day" so please keep the victims of the storms and their families in your prayers today and every day.

Alabama AGC is working statewide to help coordinate relief efforts for the tornado victims in North Alabama. As part of this effort, the association is collecting items which will be distributed to the victims through a faith based organization. The AlabamaAGC headquarters in Irondale will serve as a collection point for these items.

Locally, the Construction Center will also serve as a collection point. Transport Commercial Leasing has volunteered to donate a truck for us to fill with items and transport to our Birmingham office.

We will be driving to Birmingham on Monday, May 9th to deliver the items to Birmingham. Therefore we are asking that you deliver items to our Mobile office by Friday, May 6th: 754 Downtowner Loop West – Mobile, Alabama 36609 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 11:30A.M.

We will load TCL's truck at the Mobile Section, AGC office on FRIDAY , May 6th after lunch. Any help we can get to load the truck will be appreciated. Then on Monday, we will leave before 8:00 A.M. to coordinate with our Birmingham office. Should you prefer to donate financially instead, there are several alternatives:

University of Alabama's Greek Relief Fund

Your donations will be used to purchase much-needed food and supplies for the relief efforts in Tuscaloosa. This group is now providing over 10,000 hot plates, per day. You may view their Facebook page at "UA Greek Relief" for up-to-date information on the relief efforts at the University of Alabama. The UA Greek Relief effort was featured on NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams! If you missed it, check out this link: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032619/#42849331>

If you have questions concerning UA's Greek Relief, please email uagreekrelief@gmail.com or contact Patrick Morris, UA Greek Relief Representative, at (205) 540-0665 end_of_the_skype_highlighting Visit their website at www.uagreekrelief.com.

or

United Way of West Alabama
205/345.6640 - FAX 205/345.6681

2720 6th Street - Post Office Box 2291
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403

The following items are being requested:

Batteries
Toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.
Hand Sanitizers
Paper-towels
Towels
Diapers and wipes
Pet Food
Children's toys, small stuffed animals, crayons, coloring books
Clothing
Work Gloves
New – Packaged Socks/Underwear/Tshirts (in Larger sizes)
Garbage/Trash Bags
Coolers
Pillows and Blankets

AlabamaAGC is coordinating the delivery efforts in conjunction with the Birmingham Section's monthly meeting – next **Monday, May 9th**. The speaker will be Ken Simonson National AGC's Economist - who has been scheduled to speak since January. For those of you interested in attending, there is no cost to attend the lunch meeting. Instead, attendees are encouraged to bring items for the relief effort.

All collected items will be transported to the faith based distribution site immediately following the meeting. All help will be appreciated to make this transfer.
[Anyone interested in attending must register please contact our local office to make reservations - 251-344-8220end of the skype highlighting.](#)

Should you have any questions, please contact Charlotte Kopf
251-344-8220 end_of_the_skype_highlightingor mobagc@bellsouth.net

Thanks for your support!

News from *Equipment World Magazine* Contractor Disaster Resources

Please view articles quoted from *Equipment World* concerning the Disaster in North Alabama.

- [Good Samaritan Protection for Construction Volunteers](#) - by Marcia Gruver Doyle
- [Contractors need to sign up for debris cleanup](#) - by Mike Anderson
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Lunch & Learn - May 19th Alabama Lein Law - How to Get Paid in an Uncertain Economy

Speaker: Alec Moseley - Hand Arendall

In today's economy, getting paid is an even greater concern than usual. Contractors must be well-informed, and vigilant, to protect their rights to payment. Alec Moseley with Hand Arendall will discuss the law, procedural requirements, and best practices applicable to protection of our lien rights, rights to payment bonds, and other security against getting left unpaid for our work.

Please join us at the AGC office for lunch and learn about the Alabama Lien Laws.

Please make your reservations to attend: 251-344--8220 [end_of_the_skype_highlighting](#) or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net

[Please click here to view information and registration flyer.](#)

REMINDER - ADEM's New General Permit for Construction Storm Water Became Effective April 1, 2011

There are still seats available in the **ADEM Qualified Credentialed Inspector (QCI) Initial Training Class**

that Thompson Engineering will conduct in **Mobile on May 18th** and **Montgomery on May 25th** . This

training course provides tools and techniques needed to prevent storm water pollution on construction sites.

Participants will learn the **most current regulatory requirements**, inspection strategies, and best

management practices needed for controlling erosion and sedimentation from experienced, knowledgeable

instructors in a relaxed, fun environment. Sign up now! [Click here to view the registration form for details.](#)

or call Thompson Engineering at 251-666-2443 for more information.

Alabama Legislative Updates

To view Alabama AGC's Legislative Update provided by Chris Williams - Alabama AGC's Governmental Liaison please click below. To view previous updates visit our Newsletter page.

[AGC Legislative Update April 29, 2011](#)

US Senate Repeals IRS Form 1099 Reporting Mandate

The U.S. Senate passed legislation to repeal the new IRS Form 1099 reporting mandate enacted in last year's healthcare bill by a vote of 87 to 12. The bill now goes to President Obama, who is expected to sign the measure.

The vote came just after National AGC sent a [Key Vote letter](#) asking Senators to vote in support of H.R. 4, the House-passed bill to repeal the Form 1099 reporting mandate. The provision would have required all businesses to submit Form 1099s to the IRS and to any business with which it purchased \$600 or more in goods or services in a year, creating a tremendous paperwork and compliance burden for businesses of all sizes. The provision would have gone into effect on January 1, 2012.

Although 1099 repeal is out of the way, AGC is still working on repeal of 3% withholding. Please go to [AGC's Legislative Action Center](#) and urge your member of Congress to support full repeal of the 3% withholding requirement.

Large Crowd for AGC's 44th Annual "Jack Terry Memorial" Spring Golf Tournament

We had a beautiful day for the 44th Annual AGC "Jack Terry Memorial" Spring Golf Tournament which was played over the Heron Lakes Golf Course on April 28th. One of the largest crowds ever, with over 150 golfers. Appreciation is extended to our generous Sponsors. To view lists, please click below:

[Hospitality Sponsors](#)

[Listing of all Sponsors](#)

To view photos from the event on our FaceBook page, please click below:

[AGC 44th Annual Jack Terry Golf Tournament](#)

To view a list of the winners, please click below:

[AGC 44th Annual "Jack Terry" Golf Tournament Winners](#)

BCRBA Annual Golf Tournament June 2nd at Timber Creek

The BCRBA Annual Golf Tournament will be played at the Timber Creek Golf Course on June 2nd. Registration will begin at 11:30 A.M. with a Shotgun Start at 1:00 P.M. Dinner will be served immediately following the tournament during the awards banquet.

[To View BCRBA Golf Tournament information and registration please click here](#)

We are seeking Sponsors and Players for this event. If you are interested in being a Corporate Sponsor for \$200.00 please contact Katherine at the AGC Office: 251-344-8220
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or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net

Save the DATE - June 16-19 Alabama AGC Convention – San Destin

Alabama AGC's 2011 Convention will be held June 16-19th at the San Destin Beach Hilton in Destin, FL. Registration is now live on the Chapter web site www.alagc.org or use the link below to go directly to the registration page.

[AlabamaAGC Convention Registration](#)

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.](#)

Mobile County Road Builders May Meeting

The MCRBA May Meeting will be held **Tuesday, May 24, 2011** at the **Courtyard Manor** - 751 Dauphin Street - Mobile, AL 36602 5:30 P.M. -to 7:30 P.M. This is a special meeting honoring **Mr. John Murphy, Jr. - Retired Assistant Engineer - Mobile County** **As always, reservations are required for our meetings.**

Baldwin County Road Builders May Meeting and June Golf Tournament

The May Meeting of BCRBA will be held Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 P.M. at the Fairhope Elks Club. Reservations are required: 251-344-8220.

The BCRBA Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, June 2nd – Sponsorships and Registrations are being solicited.

For more information contact Katherine Galanos: 251-344-8220.

Mobile Section, AGC Board of Directors Meeting Tuesday, May 24th 11:30 A.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

The May Board meeting of the Mobile Section, AGC Board of Directors will be held Tuesday, May 24th 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.

Job Opportunities & Resumes

Employees Wanted:

1. Local subcontractor seeking bookkeeper with construction and Quick Books experience. For more information, please contact Charlotte Kopf at the AGC office: 251-344-8220.
2. Baldwin County contractor seeking administrative person for busy office, must be able to multi-task. Please contact Charlotte Kopf: 251-344-8220

3. Local general contractor seeking experienced applicants for two **Superintendent positions**.
Serious candidates should send resumes to AGC office: 754 Downtowner Loop West,
Mobile,
AL 36609 or mobagc@bellsouth.net

Mobile Section has several resumes on file of people seeking positions:

1. **2011 USA Engineering graduates**
Civil, Mechanical, and Electrical
2. **Administrative assistant**
3. **2011 Auburn Building Science Graduate**
4. Construction Equipment Sales person seeking position.

Welcome New Mobile Section, Alabama AGC Members

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

Starnes Davis & Florie, LLP

P.O. Box 1548

Mobile, AL 36633

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Legal Services

Contacts: Scott Stevens, Susan McGettigan

Email: sstevens@starneslaw.com

Website: www.starneslaw.com

Acton Mobile Industries

5561 Todd Acres Drive

Mobile, AL 36619

251-443-5360 begin_of_the_skype_highlighting 251-443-
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Modular Buildings

Contact: Chad Evans

Email: cevans@actonmobile.com

Website: www.actonmobile.com

News from National AGC

Free Webinar - ConsensusDOCS vs. AIA - Owner & Design Professional Contracts
May 11, 2011, 2:00 - 3:30 pm ET

ConsensusDOCS is hosting a **FREE** webinar featuring four prominent construction attorneys that will analyze numerous key contract provisions within the Owner and Design Professional contracts. Learn how differences in AIA and ConsensusDOCS potentially impact project success before signing your next contract. Improve your risk profile and contract administration by attending this webinar. [Read More](#) →

'Get Your Hands Wet' and Help Inform AGC's National Stormwater Policymaking Efforts

AGC members now have the opportunity to "get their hands wet" collecting stormwater samples for the good of the industry. You can help AGC ensure that future construction stormwater rules are based on sound science by supplying AGC with the data necessary to make informed policy decisions. Your support is needed to guide the Association's future advocacy and potential legal efforts associated with stormwater-related rules. [READ MORE](#)

Data DiGest dated May 2, 2011
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DATA DIGEST

Construction spending rebounds slightly in March; metros vary sharply in job changes

 **Download the one-page Data DiGest**

[Click here to view tables of March construction employment changes by metro area.](#)

Construction spending totaled \$769 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate in March, an increase of 1.4% from the downwardly revised February total but 6.7% below the March 2010 level, the Census Bureau reported today. Private residential spending rose 2.6% for the month but was 8.1% below the year-earlier total. The gain was driven by a 6.9% jump in the volatile improvements category; new single-family spending fell 1.0% and 9.4% over the two periods, and new multifamily spending dropped 2.2% and 13%. Private nonresidential spending climbed 1.8% for the month but fell 10% year-over-year. Public construction inched up 0.1% in March but fell 2.3% from a year before. Of the Census Bureau's 10 largest nonresidential categories, seven increased for the month but only three rose year-over-year. In descending order of current size, the largest nonresidential types (combining private and public spending) were: highways and streets, up 0.6% for the month and 4.9% over 12 months; power, 1.8% and 3.9%; educational, 0.9% and -9.2%; transportation facilities, 0.2% and -7.1%; and health care, 2.4% and -3.2%. Manufacturing construction rose 5.2% in March and 5.3% in February but was still 28% below the March 2010 mark.

GULF WIDENS IN MARCH BETWEEN SOARING CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL COSTS AND STAGNANT FINISHED BUILDING PRICES

Contractors' financial position grew more precarious in March as prices for key materials escalated while prices construction firms charge for completed projects stayed flat, according to an analysis of producer price index figures released today by the Associated General

Contractors of America (AGC). Association officials said contractors' inability to pass costs along imperils the industry's comeback and urged federal officials to act on a [series of recovery measures](#) the group outlined last month.

"Construction spending has sunk to 1999 levels, forcing contractors to keep bid prices down to win projects, despite huge price increases for key inputs," said Ken Simonson, the association's chief economist. "That steadily widening gulf threatens to put construction firms out of business and their employees out of work."

Prices for materials used in construction soared 2.0 percent in March and 6.9 percent during the past 12 months, while price indexes for finished buildings were flat for the month and year, the economist noted. He added that construction materials costs rose faster than the producer price index

for finished goods, which climbed 5.8 percent from March 2010 to March 2011.

Simonson said price increases were most extreme for diesel fuel and metals. Diesel prices leaped 11 percent in March and 42.5 percent for the year; prices for copper and brass mill shapes sank 6 percent in March but still jumped 17 percent year-over-year; steel mill product prices increased 5.3 percent and

15 percent, respectively; and prices for aluminum mill shapes rose 1.9 percent and 12 percent, respectively.

"Shrinking demand for both public and privately financed construction is driving up the number of contractors bidding on projects and forcing contractors to hold the line on bid prices for all types of projects,"

Simonson noted. The producer price indexes for new office, industrial and warehouse construction rose 1

percent or less over 12 months and the index for new schools was up just 1.3 percent. A new Federal Highway

Administration index for highway construction bid prices plunged 22 percent between 2008 and the end of 2010, he added.

Association officials said the new data demonstrates the urgency for public officials to act on a series of

measures the group outlined last month in its recovery plan, "[Building a Stronger Future](#)." "Without stronger

demand for construction, particularly private sector construction activity, economic growth will leave out a vital

sector, stranding millions of workers," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the association's chief executive officer.

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

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

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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

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

[May 2, 2011](#)

Or visit our website: www.theconstructioncenter.org

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

Visit www.GoBuildAlabama.com Website

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