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Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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October-December Events at a Glance

October 20th - [MCRBA-AGC Fall "Joe Verneulle Memorial Golf Tournament](#)
Heron Lakes Country Club - Mobile

October 26th - [Lunch & Learn - Immigration Law Update](#)
11:30 A.M. at the Construction Center
Provided by Burr & Forman

November 9th - [Lunch & Learn - "Are You Prepared"](#)
11:30 A.M. at the AGC Office
By Greg Parker - Turner Insurance & Bonding

November 15th - Mobile Section, AGC Board Meeting – (Associates & General Contractors)
Country Club of Mobile 11:30 A.M.

November 24th & 25th - Thanksgiving Holidays

December 2nd - MCRBA-AGC Christmas Party - Country Club of Mobile

December 8th - [YCF Sponsored Dove Hunt - Passmore Farms](#)

December 9th - BCRBA Christmas Party - 5 Rivers Delta Center

CompTrust AGC – Workers Comp Insurance from
People you Know

For many of you – it's time to begin the process involved in renewing your insurance; Please let AGC quote your Worker's Comp Insurance. For more information contact your agent, or Tammy King in our Birmingham office: 1-800-632-2025.

Fall Golf Tournament - October 20, 2011 Heron Lakes Country Club

The Mobile County Road Builders "Joe Verneuille Memorial" Fall Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Thursday, October 20th** at Heron Lakes Country Club. We have teams available – if you would like to play, please contact the AGC office: 251-344-8220.

Registration 7:30 A.M. – Shotgun Start 9:00 A.M.

**Food & Beverages Served on the Course throughout the Day
Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres served Immediately following the tournament
(around 2:30 P.M.) while scores are being tallied.**

[To view pairings , click here](#)

[To view Rules and Sponsors, click here](#)

Appreciation to all who helped with the "Worlds of Construction and Safety " during Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo 2011

On September 28th & 29th 2011 the Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Commission Region 9, in cooperation with local industries, Municipalities, and Public and Private Schools hosted over 11,000 8th grade students, teachers, counselors and volunteers from 8 southwest Alabama counties during the Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo at the Greater Gulf State Fair Grounds.

All comments from students, teachers and event organizers were very positive. There was a tremendous amount of effort put forth by everyone involved. Appreciation is extended to all who participated in the event by providing equipment and hands-on exhibits.

Plans for the 2012 Worlds of Opportunity Expo are in the works. If you are interested in exhibiting or helping with the World of Construction - please contact Charlotte Kopf : 251-344-8220 mobagc@bellsouth.net

[Click here to view 2011 "World of Construction" photos, exhibit partners, and sponsors.](#)

Updated Immigration Law Information – Are you REALLY Ready???

Lunch & Learn scheduled for October 26th

11:30 at the AGC Office - Mobile

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 .

On **Wednesday, October 26th Burr & Forman** will host a Lunch & Learn to address this new law. Mobile lawyers Bill Daniels, Kristin Ashworth, and Anna Scully with the firm of Burr Forman will speak on how the Immigration Act will affect general contractors, as well as specific revisions to your subcontracts that are necessary to protect your company from committing violations the Act. They will also address the steps that need to be taken to comply with the specific requirements for all new contracts with state entities in Alabama

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

[To view flyer - click here](#)

November Lunch & Learn - November 9th 11:30 A.M. "Are You Prepared"

"Risk Management" (the art of preventing losses) is a phrase that we see everyday but have you ever tried to apply it to your personal life?

What if you or a family member were seriously injured or developed some type of disabling disease....**would you be ready?** We all have learned that we can't "predict" what will happen tomorrow but we can "prepare".

Please join Greg Parker with Turner Insurance & Bonding as he shares his personal journey as an "only child" that unexpectedly became a care-giver, care-manager and ultimately executor over his parents' estate due to the affects of dementia, stroke and heart attack. In addition, you'll receive a free copy of the "Life Walk Planner", a document created by Greg designed to help with the planning and documentation of an individual's estate.

(Note: This is not a sales session....only information designed to save you time, money, effort and additional stress when the time comes.)

Registration is required, please contact the AGC office: 251-344-8220.
Cost is \$10.00 for lunch.

[To view flyer - click here.](#)

Recap of October 11th Lunch & Learn

On Tuesday, October 11th, AGC associate members, Hodges Harty and Brent Martina of Merrill Lynch, conducted a lunch and learn workshop at the AGC office. The group shed insight on the current economy, the European debt crisis, and the outlook for future economic growth and interest rates. Hodges and Brent also offered possible strategies to find opportunities in high yield, high quality, and high growth sectors given our current environment of low interest rates and high market volatility. If you missed this very informative event, feel free to contact Hodges or Brent with any questions you might have about the economy or your personal and business investment strategies. They are located at the Merrill Lynch office at 3674 Dauphin St. Mobile, AL 36608, and they can be reached at 251-345-0200.

NLRB Posting Requirements Delayed until January 31, 2012

The National Labor Relations Board has postponed the implementation date for its new notice-posting rule by more than two months in order to allow for enhanced education and outreach to employers, particularly those who operate small and medium sized businesses.

The new effective date of the rule is Jan. 31, 2012.

The decision to extend the rollout period followed queries from businesses and trade organizations indicating uncertainty about which businesses fall under the Board's jurisdiction, and was made in the interest of ensuring broad voluntary compliance. No other changes in the rule, or in the form or content of the notice, will be made.

Most private sector employers will be required to post the 11-by-17-inch notice, which is available at no cost from the NLRB through its website, either by downloading and printing or ordering a print by mail.

[For more information on the posting requirements - please click here to view Starnes Davis Florie LLP Labor & Employment Bulletin dated September 2011 or \[www.starneslaw.com\]\(http://www.starneslaw.com\)](#)

3% Withholding Law Update:

YOUR Immediate Action STILL 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 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.

Classifieds – 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

Employee Wanted

Local General Contractor looking for an administrative assistant. Must be proficient in excel and word. Please contact Linda Kearns at (251) 476-2500 for more information.

Mobile Section Member News

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

Welcome New Mobile Section, Alabama AGC Members

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

Omni Industrial Services, Inc.

2515 LeRoy Stevens Rd.
Mobile, AL 36618
251-776-5955 Fax: 251-776-6855
Industrial Fabricator
Contact: John Kateon
Email: john.kateon@omni-is.com
www.omni-is.com

Solution Mechanical, LLC

P.O. Box 545
Fairhope, AL 36533
251-470-0400 Fax: 888-644-0050
Mechanical Subcontractor - HVAC, Piping, Plumbing

Contact: Stewart Nobles
Email: stewart@solutionmechanical.com
www.solutionmechanical.com

The Pugh Law Firm, LLC

P.O. Box 2761
Mobile, AL 36652-2761
251-654-2640 Fax: 251-545-4915
Full Service Law Firm Serving Contractors and other Small Businesses
Contact: Brian Pugh
Email: brianpugh@southalabamalegal.com
www.southalabamalegal.com

News from National AGC

Data DiGest dated October 13, 2011

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DATA DIGEST

September jobs, August spending rise for construction; year-over-year gains are slim

Click [here](#) to view August metro construction employment numbers.

Construction spending in August totaled \$799 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up 1.4% from July and 0.9% from August 2010, the Census Bureau reported on October 3. Private nonresidential construction climbed 0.2% and 7.0%, respectively; private residential construction, 0.7% and 3.9%; and public construction, 3.1% and -6.3%. In descending order of current size, the largest **private nonresidential** segments were power (power plants, renewable facilities, transmission lines, oil and gas field structures and pipelines), up 2.9% and 26%; commercial (retail, warehouse and farm), -2.6% and 9.0%; manufacturing (including data centers), 1.8% and 3.2%; and office, 0.1% and 3.0%.

To read more:



Download the one-page Data DiGest

Key Role of Construction in Each State's Economy

National AGC has compiled data on the role that construction plays in the economy and employment in the United States, each state and major metro areas.

[Click here to view Alabama.](#)
[Click here To view other states.](#)

National AGC Convention – March 13-17, 2012 Honolulu Hawaii Take Advantage of Early Registration

Registration is now open for the 2012 AGC Convention in Honolulu Hawaii. **Early bird discounts apply for those who register before Dec. 1.**

For more information, or to register, visit National AGC's Convention [homepage](#). [Read More](#) ➔

Baldwin County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30 P.M.
at the Fairhope Elks Club.

Guest speaker will be Billy Norrell – Alabama Road Builders Association

Mobile County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

*There will **NOT** be an October Meeting due to the
Fall Golf Tournament on October 20th.*

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 our [Calendar of Events for 2011](#)

**We are in the process of setting up our Calendar for 2012.
Please let us know if you are interested in hosting a Lunch & Learn
or serving as a sponsor for any of our events throughout the year.
Please contact Charlotte Kopf: 251-344-8220.**

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

[October 11th](#)

Or visit our website: www.theconstructioncenter.org
To reach LDI contact Scott Cook: 251-340-6093

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