



Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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November-December Events at a Glance

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](#)

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.](#)

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.

**SAVE THE DATES-
MCRBA-AGC Annual Christmas Party
Friday, December 2nd at the Country Club of Mobile**

**BCRBA Annual Christmas Party
Friday, December 9th
at Five Rivers Delta Center - Causeway**

Please save the dates for our Annual Christmas Parties.

This year the **MCRBA-AGC Christmas Party** will be held at the **Country Club of Mobile, Friday, December 2nd**. We have invited the US Marine Corp to have a representative collecting toys for their "Toys for Tots" Program. Please help us give back to those less fortunate in our community by donating a toy! [To view invitation, please click here.](#) (Download a copy and take home for your significant other!)

The **BCRBA Christmas Party** will be held **Friday, December 9th at Five Rivers Delta Center** on the Causeway. Proceeds from this event, will be donated to the Boys and

Girls

Club and the Sheriff's Youth Ranch. [To view invitation, please click here.](#)

(Download a copy and take home for your significant other!)

Fall Golf Tournament Held October 20, 2011 at Heron Lakes Country Club

We had beautiful cool weather for our 36th Annual "Joe Verneuille Memorial Fall Golf Tournament held October 20th.

Appreciation is extended to all who participated as golfers, sponsors, and helpers.

[To view photos on FaceBook click here](#)

[*here to view Winners & Sponsors*](#)

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.](#)

YCF Sponsored Dove Hunt – Thursday, December 8th

The YCF Sponsored Dove Hunt will be held Thursday, December 8th at Passmore Farms in Baldwin County. This hunt has already filled to capacity; however, registrations are being accepted on a waiting list. [Please click here to view flyer.](#)

Recap of “Alabama Immigration Law Update” Lunch & Learn held October 26th

Mobile lawyers Bill Daniels, and Anna Scully with the firm of Burr Forman updated us on how the Immigration Act will affect general contractors, as well as specific revisions to subcontracts that are necessary to protect company's from committing violations of the Act.

They also addressed steps that need to be taken to comply with the specific requirements for all new contracts with state entities in Alabama.

[To view an informative summary of the Lunch & Learn please click here.](#)

or visit Burr Forman's website: www.burr.com

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

3% Withholding Law Update:

The House of Representatives, by a margin of [405 to 16](#), voted to repeal the 3 percent withholding law. The legislation, H.R. 674, now goes to the Senate where AGC hopes there will be swift consideration. [Read More](#) ➔

YOUR Immediate Action STILL Needed:

AGC of America needs your help to ensure that the Senate 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.

153 OUT OF 337 METRO AREAS LOST CONSTRUCTION JOBS BETWEEN SEPT. 2010 & 2011, OFFICIALS SAY WATER TRUST FUND, 3 PERCENT TAX REPEAL WILL HELP ADD JOBS

“Despite the fact the industry added 26,000 new jobs in September, industry employment continues to fall in far too many metro areas,” said Ken Simonson, the association’s chief economist. “Construction demand in many parts of the country seems to be ranging somewhere between tepid and non-existent.”

The largest job losses were in Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Marietta, Ga. (-7,800 jobs, -8 percent), followed by New York City (-5,800 jobs, -5 percent); Philadelphia (-4,100 jobs, -6 percent) and the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale area (-3,900 jobs, -4 percent). Logan, Utah (-22 percent, -700 jobs) lost the highest percentage.

Other areas experiencing large percentage declines in construction employment included Redding, Calif. (-19 percent, -600 jobs); **Montgomery, Ala.** (-18 percent, -1,200 jobs) and **Gadsden, Ala.** (-14 percent, -200 jobs).

Association officials said that in addition to passing long-delayed highway, transit and airport investment legislation, elected officials should act quickly to establish a self-funded Water Trust Fund to address an estimate \$600 billion in clean water infrastructure needs during the next 20 years. They also called on the Senate and Obama administration to support legislation expected to pass in the House today repealing the 3 percent tax withholding mandate that a [survey](#) released last week found would devastate the construction industry.

“Instead of finding fiscally responsible ways to improve our aging infrastructure and keep our water clean, Washington is planning to force contractors working on public projects to give the government interest-free loans,” said the association’s chief executive officer Stephen E. Sandherr. “Unless Washington rethinks its priorities, even more metro areas are likely to lose construction jobs.”

View construction employment figures by [state](#) and [rank](#)

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

Mobile Section Member News

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

News from National AGC

Data DiGest dated November 4, 2011

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DATA DIGEST

*Construction spending in September totaled \$787 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up 0.2% from the revised August total but 1.3% below the September 2010 mark, the Census Bureau reported on Tuesday. Census lowered its estimates for August and July by \$13 billion and \$15 billion, respectively, mainly because it reduced estimates for residential improvements. **Public construction spending** dropped 0.6% for the month and 9.2% year-over-year, with mixed results for the two dominant categories: highway and street construction climbed 1.4% in September but fell 6.3% from a year earlier, while public educational construction slid 0.9% and 5.2%, respectively. **Private nonresidential construction** gained 0.3% and 7.4%. In descending order of current size, 1- and 12-month percentage changes were: power (including oil and gas fields and pipelines), -0.6% and 26%; commercial (retail, warehouse and farm), -1.6% and 9.5%; manufacturing (including data centers), -0.4% and 4.1%; and private health care (hospitals, medical office buildings and special care facilities), 3.5% and -2.6%.*



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

There will not be a meeting during the month of December due to the Christmas Party scheduled for December 9th.

Mobile County Road Builders Monthly Meeting

There will NOT be an November Meeting due to the Thanksgiving Holidays and the Christmas Party which is scheduled for Friday December 2nd.

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 @bellsouth.net

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

To view plans available at LDI as of

[4th](#)

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

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