



Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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Happy Holidays!!!!

On behalf of the Officers, Directors and Staff of Mobile Section, AGC
Mobile County Road Builders Association and Baldwin County Road Builders
Association

we wish you and your family a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

We would like to thank you for your participation in our associations throughout 2010.
Your support is greatly appreciated.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday season and look
forward to serving you in 2011!

Construction Center Holiday Schedule

Alabama AGC's offices Chapter-wide (including the Construction Center)
will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year on the following dates:

**Christmas: Thursday, Noon December 23rd
and all day Friday, December 24th.**

New Year's: Friday, December 31

Appreciation to our 2010 Sponsors! ▲

Special appreciation is extended to each of the firms and individuals who generously sponsored our events throughout 2010! Your contributions helped make AGC a success! We are currently seeking sponsors for 2011 events. If you are interested in participating, please contact our office: 251-344-8220 or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net
[2010 Sponsor List](#)

Calendar of Events for 2011 ▲

Please view an updated [Calendar of Events for 2011](#).

Save the Date for Mobile Section, AGC Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers and Directors Thursday, January 6, 2011 11:00 A.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

Please save the date for **Thursday, January 6th** for the Mobile Section, AGC Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers. 11:00 A.M. at the Country Club of Mobile. **All members are invited to attend.** Reservations are required: 251-344-8220 or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net

[To view invitation, click here.](#)

2011 Safety Lunch & Learns Planned for 1st Tuesday of each Month at 11:30 A.M. at Safe Worker Alliance Facility ▲

The **AGC Safety Committee** meet earlier this week and scheduled Lunch & Learn Awareness Classes to be held on the **first Tuesday of each month** at 11:30 A.M. The classes will be taught by Safety Plus and held at SafeWorker Alliance's Training Facility located at 4260 Halls Mill Rd – Mobile Alabama 36693. We will be touching on a variety of safety topics throughout the year. Please plan to take advantage of these classes.

The first of these will be held **Tuesday, February 1st** and will feature a discussion of Contractor Pre-Qualification Requirements with emphasis on ISNetwork. Rob Cowden with Safety Plus will facilitate the meeting.

Appreciation is extended to **Thompson Engineering** for sponsoring Lunch. Thanks to Thompson's sponsorship there will **NOT** be a charge for this lunch.

Reservations are required by contacting the AGC Office: 251-344-8220 or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net. Classes are limited to 40 students and reservations will be accepted on a first come basis.

Mobile Section, AGC's 9th Annual Construction Safety Excellence Awards Luncheon February 24, 2011

Mobile Section's local safety program sponsored by insurance, safety and health and attorney members is an ongoing and evolving effort to recognize members in the Mobile area, who have developed and implemented excellent safety and loss prevention programs through management commitment, employee training and program innovation. Applications will be posted to the website and mailed to the membership in early January.

Additional sponsors are being solicited for this event. Cost for Sponsorship is \$300. Members entering an application cannot sponsor. For more information please contact Charlotte Kopf 251-344-8220 or mobagc@bellsouth.net.

ADEM Qualified Credentialed Inspector (QCI) Initial Training – Mobile Thursday, January 20th at Thompson Engineering

Thompson Engineering will host an **ADEM Qualified Credentialed Inspector (QCI) Initial Training** class, in **Mobile on Thursday, January 20th, 2011**. If there is a construction project in your future, this class will provide you with the tools and techniques that you will need in order to prevent storm water pollution on your construction site. Come learn the regulatory requirements, inspection strategies, and best management practices for controlling erosion and sedimentation from experienced, knowledgeable instructors in a relaxed, fun environment. Register today – this will be their only initial training session in Mobile until after the first of next year.

Limited seating is available. For more information about classes and schedules, please visit their website at www.thompsonengineering.com and click on the "Storm Water Training" link at the bottom of the page.

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.

For a list of projects available at LDI's Office as of

[December 16, 2010](#)

Or visit our website: www.theconstructioncenter.org

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

Welcome - New AGC Members

Mobile Section, AGC is pleased to announce the following new members:

T. Batchelor & Son, Inc.

7570 Zeigler Blvd.
Mobile, AL 36608
Phone: 251-639-9234
Associate Member
Mechanical HVAC
Contacts: Terry Batchelor
Doni Batchelor

Brock Safety Group

203 B. South Florida Street
Mobile, AL 36606
251-479-9595
Associate Member
Safety Training
Contact: Barbara Estes

Bishop Enterprises, LLC

P. O. Box 987
Semmes, AL 36575
Phone: 251-645-4247
Fax: 251-645-6115
Associate Member
Septic Tank Contracting
Contact: Randy Bishop

Member News:

Joey Smith Promoted to Branch Manager at Kenworth

Congratulations to Joey Smith on his promotion from Truck Sales Manager to Branch Manager of Kenworth of Mobile. Joey has been with the company for a little over a year as the New Truck Sales Manager for Kenworth of Dothan and Kenworth of Mobile.

Joey has over 25 years of experience in the truck and trailer industry, which brings a wealth of knowledge and relationships to Kenworth.

Joey serves as an Associate Director for Mobile Section, AGC.

SafeWorker Alliance now Providing ARSC Reciprocal Training

article by Jon Henderson

“The SafeWorker Alliance is pleased to welcome the establishment of the Tennessee Valley Training Center, Inc. (TVTC) – Satellite Training Center as a partner with SafeWorker Alliance. The addition of the TVTC Satellite Training Center to SafeWorker Alliance will allow for the delivery of the ARSC’s Basic Orientation Plus and Basic Orientation Plus Refresher reciprocal orientation programs. TVTC’s Satellite Training Center will also deliver the Plant Specific Site Orientation to area contractors. TVTC’s Satellite Training center is an independent service that will be located within SafeWorker facilities on Halls Mill Road. This cooperative venture between TVTC and SafeWorker Alliance will provide the capacity to provide ARSC reciprocal training, as well as a variety of non-ARSC online and competent person training products designed to meet the industrial owners and contractors’ needs—all in a single efficient visit at one convenient location. The ARSC’s BOP and BOPR reciprocal orientations will begin on December 6th, 2010. The combination of TVTC’s and SafeWorker’s unique formats now allow for improved options for the owners who require ARSC’s BOP and BOPR orientations as well as non-ARSC verifications, competent training and orientation needs. Our commitment to friendly and efficient services to our contractors, businesses and owners are reinforced through the continuous improvement of the Alliance. We promise that we will continue to provide exceptional professionalism and world-class service that has become the backbone of SafeWorker. The addition of TVTC, the ARSC’s reciprocal orientations and plant orientations as well as SafeWorker’s acceptance as a CIC certified crane operator and rigging training center are just another example of how hard SafeWorker will work to deliver a combination of useful services second to none. Effective December 6, our one call commitment, will be fully operational, as we will handle all of your training needs, regardless of your work environment, in a very efficient manner.

The SafeWorker and TVTC partnership, along with CIC certified crane and rigging programs and SafeWorker competent-person and OSHA training, make for the premier one-stop training and contractor verification program along the Gulf Coast. Regarding certified crane and rigger training; SafeWorker has invested in equipping our facility to meet the Crane Institute Certification (CIC) rigger/signalperson certification program, and will offer 5 crane operator certifications. These certifications are nationally accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA),

and SafeWorker is among very few facilities regionally that provide these recognized programs. No other organization provides exams that are better, or more legally recognized, for certifying crane operators, riggers or signalpersons. All CIC certifications meet or exceed new and pending OSHA standards regarding crane operations.”

Any questions concerning SafeWorker Alliance should be directed to Jon Henderson 251-490-4572.

YCF Professional Development Classes Scheduled for 2011 First Class to be held Monday, February 7th - 11:00 A.M. at AGC Office

Mobile Section's Young Constructors Forum (YCF) will be sponsoring monthly Professional Development Classes throughout 2011.

The first of these classes will be held **Monday, February 7th at 11:00 A.M. at the AGC Office.** Henry Hagood, President of AlabamaAGC will facilitate the class and discuss the need for developing leadership skills in the construction industry. **We are seeking a lunch sponsor for this class. If you are interested, please contact Charlotte Kopf 251-344-8220.**

OSHA 10 Hour Class Scheduled for February 17th & 18th FREE to AGC Members

Mobile Section will host a FREE 10 Hour OSHA Class on Thursday and Friday February 17th & 18th for AGC members. The class will be held at the AGC office from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. on Thursday and 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Friday. Reservations will be accepted on a first come basis 251-344-8220 or agckgalanos@bellsouth.net.

MCRBA-AGC Christmas Party Photos

Appreciation is extended to all who participated in and sponsored the MCRBA-AGC Christmas party. [To view photos click here](#) or visit our website to view www.theconstructioncenter.org

BCRBA Christmas Party Photos

Appreciation is extended to all who participated in BCRBA Christmas party. [To view photos click here](#) or visit our website to view www.theconstructioncenter.org

YCF Sponsored Dove Hunt - Huge Success

The first Annual YCF Sponsored Dove Shoot held December 9th was a tremendous success with three full fields of hunters and lots of birds! Appreciation is extended to Our sponsors! [To view photos and list of sponsors click here.](#)

News from National AGC

Data DiGest dated December 16 ,2010

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DATA DIGEST

November construction input costs outstrip bid prices, overall PPI, CPI; IP improves

The producer price index (PPI) for finished goods rose 0.4% in November, not seasonally adjusted (0.8%, seasonally adjusted), and 3.5% from November 2009, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported on Tuesday. The PPI for inputs to construction—a weighted average of the cost of materials used in all types of construction, plus items consumed by contractors such as diesel fuel—climbed 0.5% and 4.6%, respectively. That added to the cost pinch on contractors, who have generally been unable to pass along cost increases. The PPIs for finished buildings and for nonresidential subcontractors, which take into account overhead and profit, stayed flat. The index for new office construction rose 0.3% for the month but fell 0.1% over 12 months. The PPIs for new industrial and school construction were flat for the month and up 0.2% from a year ago. The index for new warehouses was flat for the month and up 0.5% over 12 months. The PPI for roofing subcontractors rose 0.1% in November but fell 2.1% year-over-year; concrete subcontractors, 0.1% and +0.5%; electrical, -0.1% and 0.8%; and plumbing, -0.2% and 1.4%. Major cost drivers included diesel fuel, 4.8% and 18.5%; copper and brass mill shapes, 5.6% and 16%; and aluminum mill shapes, 3.5% and 14%. The index for steel mill products fell 1.2% for the month but jumped 12% since November 2009. More moderate changes were reported for lumber and plywood, 0.1% and 5.8%; asphalt paving mixtures and blocks, -0.3% and 4.6%; plastic construction products, 0.7% and 3.3%; gypsum products, -0.2% and 0.8%; and concrete products, 0 and -0.3%. [More...](#)

MATERIALS COST HIKES, FLAT BUILDING PRICES “PINCH” CONTRACTORS; CONTINUED COST INCREASES THREATEN TO SINK SOME FIRMS, AGC WARNS

Huge jumps in prices for diesel fuel and copper—two key inputs to construction—pinched contractors in November as weak demand for construction forced them to hold down bid prices despite the cost increases, according to an analysis of November producer price index figures released today by National AGC Prices for materials used in construction climbed 0.5 percent in November and 4.8 percent over the past 12 months, while price indexes for finished buildings remained flat over both time periods. The PPI for finished goods went up 0.4 percent for the month and 3.5 percent year-over-year.

“These price jumps, along with further increases since PPI data were collected in mid-November, could be the last straw for some hard-pressed contractors,” said Ken Simonson, the association’s chief economist. “With unemployment in construction running at 18.8 percent in November—double the all-industry average—any more business failures will only add to the industry’s misery.”

Simonson noted that prices shot up 5.6 percent in November and 16 percent over the past 12 months for copper and brass mill shapes, 4.8 percent and 18 percent respectively for diesel fuel, and 3.5 percent and 14 percent for aluminum mill shapes. "Since these data were collected in mid-November, prices have risen further for all of these materials, and steel makers have also announced hefty increases," Simonson stated.

"Contractors have been unable to recoup these costs in what they charge," Simonson added. "Indexes for new office, school, warehouse and industrial buildings were virtually unchanged both for the month and over 12 months. Prices charged by concrete, roofing, electrical and plumbing contractors showed very small movements in either direction."

Contractors are likely to be squeezed by rising materials prices and flat prices for completed projects for the foreseeable future, Simonson predicted. He forecasted that contractors would experience periods of simultaneous price spikes in multiple materials in 2011 as the U.S. and foreign economies pick up speed.

"Unfortunately, demand for construction will be erratic for months to come, worsening the price pinch that has already devastated too many firms and their workers," Simonson concluded.

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

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