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Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC e-Newsletter

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April – May Events at a Glance

April 20th – ASSE-AGC Jointly Sponsored Safety Meeting

April 21st - 10 AM – Noon – Webcast from Washington DC – Building a Green Future

April 26th - MCRBA Meeting - 5:30 P.M. at the Country Club of Mobile
"Founders Night" and Scholarship Presentation
Guest Speaker – Dr. Kevin White – University of South Alabama

April 28th – AGC Spring Golf Tournament – [Heron Lakes Country Club](#)

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

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

May 24th – MCRBA Monthly Meeting – 5:30 P.M. at the Country Club of Mobile

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

April is National Safe Digging Month

The month of April is designated as National Safe Digging Month, and AGC is working to help raise awareness of pipeline safety, underground damage prevention, and excavation safety.

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Annual Crawfish Boil and Spring Cookout Huge Success

Over 400 AGC-MCRBA-BCRBA and YCF members and guests were in attendance at our Annual Crawfish Boil and Spring Cookout held April 7th at the AGC office. A fun time was had by all.

[Appreciation is extended to all of our food and beverage providers and Corporate Sponsors.](#)

[Please Click here to view list.](#)

A To view photos from this event, please visit our Facebook page or click below.

[Photos from Crawfish Boil and Spring Cookout](#)

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 Update

Statute of Repose Passes House 90-0

Update on Immigration Bills

Tort Reform

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

[AGC Legislative Update – April 11th](#)

Electronics/Computers Recycling - April 16th 9:00-2:00
P.M.
at the Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds

WHO? Keep Mobile Beautiful
WHAT? Electronics/Computer Recycling
WHERE? Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds
Corner of Cody Road and Zeigler Boulevard
WHEN? Saturday, April 16
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

What to Bring:

Computers, copiers, radios, cell phones, VCR's, monitors, printers, computer components, fax machines, televisions, telephones, electronic games and laptops.

What NOT to Bring:

Appliances, air conditioners, gas powered equipment, vacuum cleaners, smoke detectors or any hazardous materials.

Construction Specific Software Workshop – Tuesday April 19th 11:00 A.M.

Coast Software will host several short workshops on Tuesday, April 19th at the AGC office on the following topics:

Estimating and Purchasing 11:00 A.M.—11:30 A.M.

Project Mgt and Scheduling 11:30 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

Job Accounting and Service Mgt 12:00 P.M.—12:30 P.M.

Document Scanning and Routing 12:30 P.M.— 1:00 P.M.

[To view Flyer, please click here.](#)

Seating is limited to 15 people per session. Please RSVP by phone toll free (800)513-2771 or fax (877) 455-4222 to ensure a seat.

AGC/ASSE April Safety Lunch & Learn – Wednesday, April 20th at Thompson Engineering

Buzzy Riis with Hand Arendall will be the guest speaker at the jointly sponsored AGC/ASSE (American Society of Safety Engineers) Meeting next Wednesday, April 20th at 11:30 A.M. at Thompson Engineering's office located at 2970 Cottage Hill Road - Mobile, AL (Training Room)

Buzzy will speak about OSHA's multi-employer doctrine. Appreciation is extended to **Thompson Engineering** for sponsoring lunch!

Reservations are REQUIRED by contacting the AGC Office before noon on April 19th: 251-344-8220 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 web site www.alagc.org or click 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 April Meeting

The **April MCRBA** Meeting will held **Tuesday, April 26th, 2011**

at the Country Club of Mobile

5:30 P.M. - Social 6:00 P.M. Dinner

Guest Speaker: Dr. Kevin White – University of South Alabama – Engineering Dept.

Special Occasion: “Founders Night” and Scholarship Presentation to the Outstanding Civil Engineering Student at USA

Reservations are required: agckgalanos@bellsouth.net

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

The AGC Spring Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 28th at Heron Lakes Country Club.

The tournament is filled with a couple of teams on a waiting list. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office: 251-344-8220.

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

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 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.

Mobile Section Awards Scholarship to AGC-USA Student Chapter Member

Mobile Section, AlabamaAGC recently awarded a \$1,000. Scholarship to Bennett Dulaney –

Civil Engineering student at USA. Dulaney has served as an officer for the AGC student

Chapter over the past year and will serve as President during the 2011-2012 year.

The scholarship will be made available to a deserving member of the student chapter annually.

Classified – Job Opportunities

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

Classified – Resumes on File

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.

Mobile Section Member News

White-Spinner Construction Completes State-of-the-Art “Green” Seafood Waste Processing Plant in Bayou La Batre, Alabama

by: Pam Denham

Mobile, Alabama (March 23, 2011) – White-Spinner Construction, Inc. recently completed construction of a state-of-the-art “green” seafood waste processing plant in Bayou La Batre, Ala.

The nearly \$6 million shrimp and crab waste processing plant for The Gulf Coast Agricultural Seafood Cooperative, also known as The Coop, will employ a multitude of innovative environmentally friendly methods to process over 5,000 tons of shrimp and crab waste generated annually from coop members’ processing plants in the surrounding area, according to Seth Smith, project manager for White-Spinner Construction, Inc. The ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony for the plant was held March 28.

“This amazing environmentally-friendly plant is believed to be one of a kind – the only such plant on the planet,” said Smith. “White-Spinner Construction has long been committed to ‘green’ building practices and this new plant – which employs a plethora of environmentally-friendly methods to process seafood waste – serves as a model for other businesses that aspire to adopt ‘green’ practices. We also remain grateful for the opportunity to partner, as a local construction company with this amazing local project.”

[READ MORE](#)

Seafood Waste Processing Project Featured at AGC-USA Student Chapter April Meeting

Jonathan Bonner with CFM out of Tuscaloosa was the featured speaker at the April AGC-USA Student Chapter Meeting. Bonner discussed the Engineering Aspects of Green Construction as it applied to White-Spinner’s recently completed “Green” Seafood Waste Processing Plant.

(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:

G. C. Specialties, Inc.

2735 Mauvilla Dr.

Mobile, AL 36606

251-478-1799

Specialty Construction and Product Sales

Contacts: David Kilcrease, Philip Parker

Emails: david@gcspecialties.com; philip@gcspecialties.com

Website: www.gcspecialties.com

Ayers USA Cranes, Inc.

P.O. Box 1296
9631 Hucknall Dr.
Fairhope, AL 36532
251-604-8801
Installation and Inspection of Cranes
Contacts: Quintin Ayers

Email: quintin@ayersusa.com

Website: www.ayersusa.com

Vanguard Modular Building Systems, LLC

10565 Hwy 43 North
Creola, AL 36525
251-675-9812

Contacts: Craig Miley, Joanne Signorovitch

Emails: cmiley@vanguardmodular.com jsignorovitch@vanguardmodular.com

Website: www.vanguardmodular.com

People's United Equipment Finance Corp.

division of People's United Bank

45 Twin Oaks Trace
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
601-383-6150

Contact: Jerry Claret

Email: jclaret@financialfederal.com

Heavy Equipment Financing

News from National AGC



JOIN AGC via live webcast for a roundtable discussion about the best ways to improve the efficiency and environmental performance of our built environment.

April 21, 2011 - 10 AM - Noon

The National Building Museum

Webcast live [here](#).

Panelists, including leading architectural, construction, engineering and public policy officials will discuss the role of design, engineering and construction in building a green environment. Roger K. Lewis, *Washington Post* Shaping the City columnist, will moderate a robust 45-minute roundtable discussion.

PRESENTED BY:



'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](#)

AGC Urging Congress to Repeal Mandate for 3% Withholding on Government Contracts

AGC of America continues to urge Congress to repeal the 3 percent withholding mandate on federal, state, and local government contracts. Starting January 1, 2012, public owners will begin withholding 3 percent of every payment to contractors for goods and services. Learn more about this provision [here](#). [Read More](#) ➔

AGC National Convention Alabama AGC Recognized as Large Chapter of the Year Norman Walton Completes Term as Treasurer Mit Kopf Receives Lifetime National Directorship

Alabama AGC was prominently recognized during AGC's 92nd Annual Convention in Las Vegas.

Norman Walton with J. S. Walton & Co. was recognized as he completed his term as Treasurer for the 2010-2011 term. We appreciate his service in this prestigious position.

Mit Kopf received his Lifetime National Directorship after serving 12 consecutive years as a National Director.

Alabama AGC was named the **Large Chapter of the Year** recognizing our emphasis on workforce development, and growth and leadership on legislative and regulatory issues. Our Association was also recognized for our first-of-its-kind public relations campaign, designed to showcase the importance of construction and attract new workers.

[To view photos of National Convention please click here](#)

AGC of America Inaugurates First Woman President

Kristine Young, the chief executive officer of Des Moines, Iowa-based Miller the Driller, was sworn in on the last day of Convention as the first female president of the Associated General Contractors of America.

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Data DiGest dated April 4, 2011

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DATA DIGEST


[View the latest Construction & Materials Outlook.](#)

[Click here to view February metro employment tables.](#)

Construction spending tumbled 1.4% in February to \$761 billion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, the lowest total since 1999 and 6.8% percent below the February 2010 level, the Census Bureau reported on Friday. The slump was accentuated by downward revisions for January (from \$792 billion to \$771 billion) and December (from \$798 billion to \$785 billion). Private residential construction shrank 3.7% for the month and 8.1% year-over-year, with declines in all three subcategories (listed by descending order of current size): improvements to existing structures, -5.8% and -7.2%, respectively; new single-family,

-3.7% and -8.1%; and new multifamily, -1.7% and -19%. Private nonresidential construction was up 0.9% for the month but down 13% year-over-year, with mixed results for the latest month but mostly negative comparisons with February 2010 (listed in descending order): power, 2.8% and 0.0%; commercial (retail, warehouse and farm), -0.8% and -13%; manufacturing, 5.6% and -31%; health care, -1.1% and -7.4%; office, -1.9% and -23%; and communication, 1.5% and -5.2%. Public construction slipped 1.5% for the month and edged up 0.5% from a year earlier, with highway and street construction (the largest subcategory) gaining 0.4% and 11% while educational fell 3.7% and 12%; transportation, -0.3% and -6.5%; and sewage and waste disposal, -1.4% and 1.2%.

To **READ More**, please

 [Download the one-page Data DiGest](#)

CONSTRUCTION RECESSION LINGERS AS INDUSTRY LOSES JOBS, SPENDING DROPS WHILE OVERALL ECONOMY ADDS JOBS

Construction Spending Sank to 11-Year Low in February;

The construction industry remains mired in recession as sector employment and spending continued to shrink even as the overall economy is showing increased strength, according to an analysis of new federal employment and construction spending data released today by the Associated General Contractors of America. Association officials cited the reports as further evidence of the need for measures to boost private and public construction demand to support broader economic growth.

“The ongoing drop in construction employment in March, combined with the news that construction spending hit an 11-year low in February, is doubly distressing,” said Ken Simonson, the association’s chief economist. “Despite a few signs of an upturn, the industry as a whole has yet to touch bottom five full years after the peak in employment and spending.” [Read more](#)

OSHA Region IV Newsletter

[Please click here to view the March OSHA Region IV Newsletter.](#)

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

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

[April 8, 2011](#)

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

Visit www.GoBuildAlabama.com Website

Alabama Construction Recruitment Institute (ACRI) continues their construction recruitment ads featuring Mike Rowe the host of "Dirty Jobs" . To learn more about joining the construction industry , visit the website www.GoBuildAlabama.com

AGC Member Discounts

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