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Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch

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January 11, 2010

AGC and TxDOT to hold its first Partnering Seminar next month

The AGC and TxDOT will hold its first Partnering Seminar on February 9, in conjunction with the February Membership Luncheon at the Four Seasons. The seminar will begin with the luncheon at 12:30 and end close to 2:30 pm.

District Engineers and Directors of Construction for each district will be in attendance. We strongly urge contractor members to send representatives to this pilot seminar, which will help forge the agenda for the Partnering Seminars TxDOT and AGC will host around the state in the upcoming months. Area Chairmen are also urged to attend, in order to demonstrate a clear and consistent message in their own areas' seminars.

The AGC worked with TxDOT to reinvigorate the philosophies of partnering and address the need for timely decisions. The seminars will reflect the fruits of that labor. A new partnering specification will be discussed at the meeting.

To attend, please send a message to Debbie Koehler at dkoehler@agctx.org with a head count from your company. Nothing else is required to attend this important and timely seminar. We hope to see you then.

National Members Report Unauthorized Membership Invoices

The National Association of General Contractors and Subcontractors is in NO WAY AFFILIATED with AGC of America: After reports earlier this year regarding an unaffiliated Membership Directory Listing Application they are at it again, this time under the guise of a "Membership Invoice." Specifically, AGC members have reported receiving "membership dues invoices" via fax from the "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GENERAL CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTORS, INC."

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEITHER AGC OF AMERICA NOR ANY ONE OR MORE OF ITS CHAPTERS IS THE SOURCE OF THIS SOLICITATION. In the past, AGC of America has written to this organization, insisting that it cease and desist from any further use of its confusing language. In the wake of the most recent events, AGC of America is, once again, considering its legal options.

Do NOT respond to this fax or providing money to this inquiry. For more information, contact Elisa Brewer Pratt at (703) 837-5343 or brewere@agc.org.

TxDOT, AGC, TxAPA to Host Hot Mix Spec Conferences, January-April

[Conference Flyer](#)

The Texas Department of Transportation, The AGC of Texas, and the Texas Asphalt Pavement Association (TxAPA) will host eleven Hot Mix Spec Conferences, beginning January 20 in the Austin/San Antonio area and concluding April 27 in Amarillo. The conferences are a cooperative effort between TxDOT and the paving industry to update individuals on Special Provision 341-024, which went into effect December 1 of 2001. The conference will also cover other related topics, such as cost savings and quality improvements, and recent developments in the industry. The conferences will last from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Registration is FREE for all TxDOT, FHWA, AGC and TxAPA members. All other attendees will be charged a \$50 nominal fee payable in advance. To learn more about this conference and to register, click on the link above.

Discontinuance of FHWA's Form 47-A

[Final Rule](#)

Linked above is a copy of a Federal Register publication of the Final Rule that eliminates regulations which require contractors on National Highway System projects of \$1 million or more to submit Form FHWA-47. Effective February 3, 2010, Section 635.126 of title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, is removed and reserved.

This action completes the agency's efforts in discontinuing the reporting requirements for Form FHWA-45, Bid Price Data; Form FHWA-47, Statement of Materials and Labor Used by Contractors on Highway Construction Involving Federal Funds; and Form FHWA-810, Bid Tabulation Data. The decision to discontinue these reporting requirements is documented in a May 22, 2007, policy memorandum that can be viewed at: <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/052207.cfm>. If you have questions, please direct them to Bob Wright with the Federal Highway Administration at 202-366-4630.

January Contractor Payments will post to banks Wednesday, January 13

TxDOT wishes to inform you that contractor payments will post late this month, but should be available by 13 January. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leticia Cruz in the Finance Division at (512) 486-5608.

April Letting moves to April 6 and 7

[Letting Dates](#)

TxDOT has moved the April letting dates. For a comprehensive list of current letting dates through 2015, please click on the link above.

AGC of Texas Regional Safety Conference in Tyler, Texas

[Conference Flyer](#)

Don't forget to sign up for the Regional Safety Conference, Wednesday, February 17. Topics include Job Safety Analysis, Work Zone Safety, Excavation Safety and Crane Signal Operations. Participants will receive .6 CEU Credit for attendance, a certificate of completion, and a TxDOT/AGC Crane Training Video. To register, and for more information, click on the link above or contact Nicole Bertram at nbertram@agctx.org.

Chapter Scholarship Applications Now Available

[2010 Application](#)

The AGC of Texas Scholarship applications for 2010 are now available. The scholarships will be awarded to Texas residents who are employees or dependents of employees of AGC of Texas members who are in good standing with the chapter. The scholarship is intended for undergraduate education at a college, university, or vocational institute. Selection criteria will be based on academic performance, financial need, and anticipated field of study. A strong emphasis will be placed on students who intend to pursue construction and building related degree programs.

ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to distribute the applications to their employees for consideration by eligible applicants. Please contact Jennifer Newton at the chapter office in Austin, 512/478-4691, with any questions or comments.

National AGC Safety Awards Program (NASA)

[NASA Flyer](#)

You still have a couple weeks to compete for this nationally recognized safety award! You must have participated in the National AGC Safety Awards Program for three consecutive years (2007-2009) in order to be eligible. NASA provides a great opportunity for contractor members who have excellent safety records to compete for nationally recognized awards. If you are interested, fill out the form linked above and fax it back to Paul Causey at 972/753-1044 by **Friday, January 29, 2010**.

JANUARY LETTING RESULTS

[January 5 Low Bids](#)

[January 6 Low Bids](#)

January 5 & 6, 2010	Highway Jobs	Maintenance Jobs
Total Low Bids	\$ 197,210,408.00	\$ 19,367,242.51
Total Second Low Bids	\$ 208,728,696.39	\$ 21,536,595.73
Amount Left on the Table	\$ 11,518,288.39	\$ 2,169,353.22
% of Low Bids Left on the Table	5.84	11.20
Average Number of Bidders per Job	7.66	6.04
Total of the Engineer's Estimate	\$ 216,548,300.00	\$ 22,434,900.00
Difference between Estimate & Low	\$ 19,337,892.00	\$ 3,067,657.49
% Below Engineer's Estimate	8.93	13.67
Total Number of Projects	56	24

February Letting Estimates PLUS New Locally Let Info Posted on TxDOT Website

The February letting is scheduled for February 9 and 10 and is estimated at \$359.98 million for 78 projects statewide and 55.46 million for 15 projects locally let. The monthly luncheon will be held February 9 at the Four Seasons Hotel, in conjunction with the first of the Partnering Seminars. To view the approved schedule, go to <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/schedule.htm>. To view more information regarding the locally let projects, click on the appropriate month at the bottom of the page.

2010 National Committee Recommendation Forms due January 25, 2010

[Recommendation Form](#)

[Committee Functions](#)

The above forms are for AGC members who DID NOT serve on a committee in 2009 and wish to serve in 2010. Please review the forms, and if you wish to serve, return them to Debbie Koehler by January 25, either by fax, 512/478-7936 or e-mail, dkoehler@agctx.org.

In Memoriam

On January 7, Jared Rick Helmcamp passed away at St. Joseph's Health Center in Bryan. Funeral services were held Sunday at the Jewett Civic Center.

Jared was born July 6, 1988 in Fairfield to Rick and Mitzi Davis Helmcamp and grew up in Jewett, graduating from Leon High School in the Class of 2007. Jared enjoyed playing team sports and competing in U.I.L. academics and events throughout his high school years. He attended Texas A&M University and Blinn College and was currently working for the family business, A.L. Helmcamp, Inc., while residing in College Station. Jared was an avid hunter, fisherman, domino player, and wonderful mentor and friend to all of his younger cousins, who loved him very much. He loved sharing his songs and playing guitar with his family and friends and will be remembered for his good and giving heart and how he made other people laugh. Jared was wonderful at telling stories and very proud of his family. Sharing his Christian Faith was very important to him. He will be greatly missed by his family and everyone that knew him. Jared is survived by his loving parents, Rick & Mitzi Helmcamp; two sisters, Jennifer Henderson & husband Judd, and Jordan Thomas & husband Chad; nephews, Deacon, Parker, & Levi all of Jewett; maternal grandparents, Billy & Bobbie Davis of Buffalo; paternal grandparents, Allen & Elaine Helmcamp of Buffalo; his high school sweetheart, Rayna Thomas of College Station; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and many friends.

At the family's request, in lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Jared Rick Helmcamp Scholarship Fund at Citizens State Bank of Buffalo, P.O. Box 278, Buffalo, TX 75831. You may leave the family words of comfort at the online Guest Book, which can be found at <http://www.bowersfuneralhome.net/index.cfm>.

Deepest sympathy and sincere regret are extended to the family at this time.