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Ed Serna Named First Director of TxDMV

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Board named Edward Serna executive director of the state's newest agency. Serna brings more than 28 years of experience in government and the private sector to the post.

Currently the Texas Department of Transportation's assistant executive director for support operations, Serna headed the transition team that moved motor vehicle services from TxDOT to the TxDMV.

A bill that created the TxDMV passed in the last legislative session and was signed into law by Governor Rick Perry in June. Serna oversaw the motor vehicle sections at TxDOT, including the Vehicle Titles and Registration, Motor Vehicle, and Motor Carrier divisions and the Automobile Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority office that moved from the transportation department to the TxDMV.

Serna has worked in the government and the information technology field since the 1980s. His vast experience with the Texas legislative process, service on several inter-governmental and professional committees along with expertise in the establishment, management and implementation of statewide policies, contracts and computer systems will enable the TxDMV to move forward at a rapid pace.

Serna will oversee the TxDMV's day-to-day operations as executive director beginning February 1. The agency has more than 600 employees.

Before joining TxDOT in 2005, Serna was director of service delivery at the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) where he was responsible for its internal administrative functions and technology contracts.

Serna held positions at the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, where he assisted taxpayers and enforced tax laws, and became project manager for the Uniform Statewide Accounting System that created a single financial reporting system for all state agencies. He went on to work for DIR where he developed statewide policies for the acquisition and operation of information technology in state government and later negotiated and managed the state's first data center master contract. In 2002, he became DIR's chief operating officer and interim executive director.

Serna also worked for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as that agency's Office of Administrative Services deputy director where he was responsible for internal operations, including human resources, accounting, budgeting, and technology and support services.

His expertise in state government attracted the attention of Northrop Grumman Information Technology Services, and the private firm hired Serna to be its director of Texas operations to provide data center and other information technology services to Texas state agencies and local governments.

Serna is a graduate of the University of North Texas where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. As executive director of the TxDMV, Serna said he is looking forward to building an agency that will use new technologies to increase customer convenience and serve the state.

Motor vehicle services provided by the TxDMV include registrations (passenger vehicles, commercial trucks and motor carrier operating authority), titling, dealership licensing and regulation, and auto theft prevention. It does not issue driver's licenses. For more information on the TxDMV, go to www.TxDMV.gov. Stay up to date on the agency's activities by becoming a Facebook fan of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles and following TxDMV on Twitter.

Make Plans to Attend Damage Prevention Summit, February 22-24

[Summit Brochure](#)

Texas811 is sponsoring a Damage Prevention Summit, February 22-24, at the Mesquite Convention Center in Mesquite Texas. This unique event brings stakeholders together from all across the state and from different industries to share information, perspectives, and to work together on all aspects of damage prevention issues. Early Registration is only \$200 so get your registration in today! For more information and to register, click on the brochure link.

AGC Offers Blue Book Reference Assistance

TxDOT, cities, and counties reference the Blue Book in their specifications for rental rate values for contractor owned equipment. AGC can provide you with the most current federally approved rates. Contact Nicole Bertram (nbertram@agctx.org) or Thomas Bohuslav (tbohuslav1@gmail.com) by email or phone, 512.478.4691.

To assist in expediting the request, make sure to have the **Category** (e.g., Crawler Tractors), **Type or Subcategory** (e.g., standard crawler dozer), **Manufacturer**, **Model Number** (e.g., 1150G), **Model Year**, **horsepower**, **type engine**, (diesel or gas), **Type of Roll Over Protection**, (Enclosed or plain), and other descriptions appropriate for the type of equipment.

AGC of Texas Regional Safety Conference in Tyler, Texas

[Flyer](#)

Don't forget to sign up for the Regional Safety Conference, held 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

[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)-

One More Day to Compete!

[NASA Flyer](#)

If you wish to compete for this nationally recognized safety award, you have until close of business **TOMORROW (Friday, January 29)** to fill out the attached form. 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 earn distinction. If you are interested, fax the attached form to Paul Causey at 972/753-1044.

January 28 Commission Results

Of the 23 state let highway maintenance and department building construction contracts, all were awarded. Of the 47 highway non-ARRA projects, all were awarded. Of the 9 ARRA projects, all were awarded.

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 \$376.16 million for 75 projects statewide and 39.54 million for 20 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. The March letting is scheduled for March 9 and 10 and is estimated at \$360.96 million for 86 projects statewide \$67.21 million for 17 projects locally let. 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.

Call For Bids from Sabine Neches Navigation District

[Advertisement for Bidders](#)

The Board of Commissioners of the Sabine Neches Navigation District of Jefferson County has issued an advertisement for bids for the New Floodgate Structure Project on Taylor's Bayou, due at 2:00 p.m. February 24, 2010. For more information on how to submit your bid, please click on the link above.