



AGC of Texas
Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch
E-BULLETIN

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[December 2009 CD Request Form](#)

November 12, 2009

**AGC Co-Hosts Hot Mix Specification Conferences
Beginning in January**
[Conference Flyer](#)

TxDOT, AGC and the Texas Asphalt Pavement Association (TxAPA) will host a series of eleven Hot Mix Specification Conferences around the state, from mid-January to the end of April. Registration is free to TxDOT and FHWA employees, as well as AGC and TxAPA members. All others will be charged at \$50 per person fee, payable in advance. The conference will cover such issues as substitute binders, RAS, RAP, WMA, Superpave Gyrotory Compactors, the Pave-IR System, and updates in ride quality measurements, among others. For more information and to register, click on the link above.

**Water Infrastructure Forum Planned for
December 8, 2009**
[Forum Agenda](#)

M/U Division Chairman Art Daniel has scheduled a Water Infrastructure Forum for Tuesday, December 8, 2009 beginning 2:00 p.m. or immediately following the membership luncheon. The meeting will be held in the committee rooms of the chapter office, 300 Barton Springs Road in Austin, Texas.

We will have special presentations from various public agencies involved in water and utility infrastructure development including the International Boundary & Water Commission, the North American Development Bank, and the Texas Water Development Board. In addition, we will have guests from the Texas Public Works Association attending the meeting. A copy of the agenda is linked above.

Please R.S.V.P. to Jennifer Newton at the chapter office via fax at 512/478-7936, or email jnewton@agctx.org. Thank you.

**SCAM FAX: Fraudulent Membership
Directory Listing Application**
[SCAM FAX](#)

The IRS requested that we distribute this notice regarding the tax deductions available for 2009 and some for 2010 as a result of the ARRA bill. Though these deductions are not business related, they do provide a good overview of eligibility for some of the more common deductions. Please distribute as you see fit. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Ogden at kogden@agctx.org.

FHWA Approves New State OJT Program
[Approval Letter](#)
[ARRA Goal Methodology Table](#)

For the stimulus-related OJT requirements, TxDOT has developed new methodology to determine your trainee assignments on ARRA-related projects. The new provisions will become active with the December letting projects, but will not be applied to any prior projects. Please review the attached documents. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Ogden at kogden@agctx.org.

Chapter Scholarship Payroll Stuffers Available

[Stuffer- English](#)

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The AGC of Texas Scholarship applications for 2010 will be available from the chapter in January 2010. 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 information on the chapter scholarship program to their employees for consideration by eligible applicants. Attached with this bulletin is a sample payroll stuffer for requesting an application and scholarship information from the chapter. Please reproduce the payroll stuffer for distribution to your employees! Please contact Jennifer Newton at the chapter office in Austin, 512/478-4691, with any questions or comments.

EEOC Revision to "Equal Employment Opportunity is the Law"

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has revised its "Equal Employment Opportunity is the Law" poster. This new version reflects current federal employment discrimination law (including the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008). The poster was revised to add information about the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, which is effective November 21, 2009. The revised poster also includes updates from the Department of Labor. Additional information can be found at <http://www.eeoc.gov/posterform.html>

NOVEMBER LETTING RESULTS

[November 5 Low Bids](#)

[November 6 Low Bids](#)

November 5 & 6, 2009	Highway Jobs	Maintenance Jobs
Total Low Bids	\$ 245,144,804.19	\$ 9,473,842.96
Total Second Low Bids	\$ 252,190,128.74	\$ 9,975,262.01
Amount Left on the Table	\$ 7,045,324.55	\$ 501,419.05
% of Low Bids Left on the Table	2.87	5.29
Average Number of Bidders per Job	6.59	6.00
Total of the Engineer's Estimate	\$ 279,039,700.00	\$ 10,830,400.00
Difference between Estimate & Low	\$ 33,894,895.81	\$ 1,356,557.04
% Below Engineer's Estimate	12.15	12.53

December Letting Estimates

The December letting schedule has been approved and is estimated at 347.54 million for 69 projects statewide and 23.05 million for 5 projects local let. The letting dates are December 8 and 9. The monthly luncheon will be held December 8 at the Four Seasons Hotel. To view the approved schedule, go to <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/insdot/orgchart/cmd/cserve/let/2010/letdec.htm>.

In Memoriam

Sara K. Schleider, wife of Rick Schleider with Zack Burkett Company passed away yesterday, November 11, 2009 from cancer.

Memorial Services for Sara are Saturday November 14, 2009, at 11:00 am at the Grace Church, located at 5214 Stone Lake Drive in Wichita Falls, TX. Lunns Colonial Funeral Home will handle services and can be contacted at 940-692-1913 for additional info.

Please help us in extending our thoughts and prayers to the Schleider family in this sad time.