# AGC of Texas

Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch

# E-BULLETIN

QUICK LINKS:

January 2010 CD Request Form

December 10, 2009

## M/U DIVISION WATER FORUM HELD ON DECEMBER 8 - CONTRACTORS HEAR ABOUT MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

M/U Division Chairman Art Daniel and Water/Wastewater Committee Chairman Howard Pebley hosted a Water Infrastructure Forum at the chapter office on December 8, 2009. Members were briefed by several entities about water infrastructure funding, including stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Presentations were made by the International Boundary & Water Commission (IBWC), the North American Development Bank (NADBank), the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Office, and the Texas Water Development Board. The IBWC received $220 million in ARRA funding. USDA in Texas had over $90 million in water and environmental programs for fiscal year 2009 and approximately $78 million anticipated for fiscal year 2010. Texas Water Development has combined ARRA drinking water and clean water revolving funds close to $330 million.

Electronic versions of all of the forum presentations are available on the chapter website homepage under "Hot Topics".

## AGC of Texas Regional Safety Conference in Tyler, Texas

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Conference Flyer

The theme for the 2010 Regional Safety Conference is "Safety from the Ground Up." The conference educates supervisors, foremen and others with a direct role in providing safety for their organization. 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.

## 2010 Southwest and Rocky Mountain Regional Industry Liaison Group Hosts its Annual ILG Meeting in Houston, Texas

The Greater Houston Industry Liaison Group (ILG) would like to invite industry partners to highlight thier organization's commitment to equal opportunity and diversity at the 2010 SWARM Industry Liaison Group (ILG) Conference. The Conference will be held April 21 - 23, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel - Houston Downtown. In addition to attendance, there are multiple opportunities with which to sponsor or advertise your company. For more information or to register to this event, go to http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=779292.

## Chapter Scholarship Payroll Stuffers Available

Stuffer- English

## Stuffer- Spanish

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.

## National AGC Safety Awards Program (NASA)

Flyer

Please review program notice from AGC of America regarding the National AGC Safety Awards Program. In order to be eligible for this award you must have participated in the National AGC Safety Awards Program for three consecutive years. This means a member must have participate in the program for the years 2007, 2008, 2009 in order to be eligible to receive an award in 2010. 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 attached form and fax it back to Paul Causey at 972/753-1044 by **Friday, January 29, 2010**.

## DECEMBER LETTING RESULTS

December 8 Low Bids

December 9 Low Bids

| December 8 & 9, 2009 | Highway Jobs | Maintenance Jobs |
|---|---|---|
| | | |
| Total Low Bids | $ 205,718,017.55 | $ 14,098,392.51 |
| Total Second Low Bids | $ 214,214,710.80 | $ 15,327,482.28 |
| Amount Left on the Table | $ 8,496,693.25 | $ 1,229,089.77 |
| % of Low Bids Left on the Table | 4.13 | 8.72 |
| Average Number of Bidders per Job | 6.68 | 5.46 |
| Total of the Engineer's Estimate | $ 242,203,600.00 | $ 15,827,500.00 |
| Difference between Estimate & Low | $ 36,485,582.45 | $ 1,729,107.49 |
| % Below Engineer's Estimate | 15.06 | 10.92 |
| Total Number of Projects | 72 | 24 |

## January Letting Estimates PLUS New Locally Let Info Posted on TxDOT Website

The January letting is scheduled for January 5 and 6 and is estimated at 231.22 million for 58 projects statewide and 80.19 million for 12 projects locally let. The monthly luncheon will be held January 5 at the Four Seasons Hotel. To view the approved schedule, go to http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/schedule.htm. ***NEW* You can view info regarding the locally let projects by clicking on the appropriate month at the very bottom of the page.**

*The AGC of Texas Chapter staff wish you and your family a happy, warm and wonderful Christmas, and a New Year full of hope and promise. We look forward to another exciting year in 2010!*