



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

QUICK LINKS:

[March 2010 CD Request Form](#)

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Want to get Aviation Construction Notices? Here's How:

The TxDOT Aviation Division is responsible for administering federal and state construction funding at general aviation facilities. These facilities are owned and administered by local governments. Current funding surpasses \$130 million over FY2010-2011.

When projects are ready for bid, they are available on TxDOT's Plans On-line letting system under the heading "Airport Projects," as well as on the TxDOT Aviation Division web page under "Notice to Aviation Bidders." Alternately, you may request to be added to the Aviation Division email notification list for upcoming lettings by emailing Kara Schneider at kschnei@dot.state.tx.us.

TCEQ Announces Opening of New TERP ARRA Rebate Grant Program

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is pleased to announce the opening of the new Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) ARRA Rebate Grants Program. This special application period uses federal funds provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (AARA). A Notice of Rebate Grants (NRG) and final application form are available from the TERP Web site at: www.terpgrants.org

This special program differs from the regular TERP rebate grants in that the replacement on-road vehicles and engines may be powered by diesel, natural gas or propane. Non-road projects may only replace a diesel engine with a diesel engine. Application forms will be received until April 30, 2010 or until all funds have been distributed. Applications are reviewed, processed, and awarded in the order received.

PLEASE NOTE: The ARRA rebate grant application form and rebate tables have been updated from the previously posted draft documents. You must use the final application form and refer to the final rebate tables to determine eligible funding amounts.

Please feel free to contact TCEQ toll-free at 800-919-TERP (8377) or by email at terp@tceq.state.tx.us.

Reminder: Damage Prevention Summit Feb 22-24

[Brochure](#)

Texas 811 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.

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.

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.

Reminder: Regional Safety Conference is next week!

[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.

FEBRUARY LETTING RESULTS

[FEBRUARY 9 LOW BIDS](#)

[FEBRUARY 10 LOW BIDS](#)

February 2010 Letting Totals	Highway Jobs	Maintenance Jobs
Total Low Bids	\$ 341,667,511.01	\$ 29,534,780.68
Total Second Low Bids	\$ 355,709,157.23	\$ 31,174,085.61
Amount Left on the Table	\$ 14,041,646.22	\$ 1,639,304.93
% of Low Bids Left on the Table	4.11	5.55
Average Number of Bidders per Job	6.07	6.09
Total of the Engineer's Estimate	\$ 371,393,200.00	\$ 31,605,300.00
Difference between Estimate & Low	\$ 29,725,688.99	\$ 2,070,519.32
% Above or Below Engineer's Estimate	8.00	6.55
Total Number of Projects	73	22

March Letting Estimates PLUS Local Let Info Posted on TxDOT Website

The March letting is scheduled for March 9 and 10 and is estimated at \$313.81 million for 83 projects statewide \$63.88 million for 16 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.

In Memoriam

On January 20, Raymond "Poop" Kinsey passed away.

Raymond Alexander Kinsey was born July 23, 1929 in Bandera County, Texas to Carl and Blanche Kinsey. He attended and graduated Medina High School in 1947. He earned a degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1951, and afterwards was a jet fighter pilot during the Korean War. In 1952, he married Beverly Anne Dugosh of Boerne, Texas and enjoyed 51 years together. In 1995, Raymond retired from Austin Bridge Company after 40 years of service. Ray is survived by one brother and two sisters: Joe Earl, Mary and Jean. He is also survived by four

children: Matt, Greg, Stacie and Mimi; 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. His hunting and fishing days are now over and may he find peace and comfort with his family and friends who have gone before him.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital , 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105-1942.

Deepest sympathy and sincere regret are extended to the families on behalf of the entire membership.