



AGC of Texas  
Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch

## E-BULLETIN

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April 27, 2009

### TxDOT Issues New Interpretation on Maintenance Vehicle Lighting

TxDOT has released new vehicle lighting requirements for maintenance vehicles, as authorized by Chapter 547.105 of the Transportation Code. They lights may now be amber and blue only.

### Clarification of OJT Requirements on Stimulus Projects

TxDOT has clarified that OJT Goal assignments on ARRA-Funded stimulus projects are determined by bid amount, not estimate. For more clarification on OJT Requirements, please contact Kristen Ogden at [kogden@agctx.org](mailto:kogden@agctx.org).

### 2009 Management Conference Approaching

The 2009 AGC of Texas Management Conference is scheduled for June 17-21 at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay located on the banks of historic Cambridge, Maryland.

After the intense legislative session, the business sessions will feature a report on the 2009 Texas legislative session, a report on AGC of America and ARTBA activities, as well as other items of interest to our industry. Please visit the new AGC of Texas website for more information. The link is located at the bottom of the Home Page.

For more information on the resort, visit [www.chesapeakebay.hyatt.com](http://www.chesapeakebay.hyatt.com). The closest airport is BWI in Baltimore, MD. And if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Koehler at [dkoehler@agctx.org](mailto:dkoehler@agctx.org), or 512/478-4691. We hope you'll join us in June on the Chesapeake.

### Federal Contractor E-Verify Rule Postponed Again

The federal government has agreed to even further delay implementation of the E-Verify rule for federal contractors. Contracts and solicitations issued prior to June 30, 2009, will not contain the mandate. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council issued the final rule on November 14, 2008, requiring contracting officers to mandate contractor use of E-Verify in solicitations issued and contracts awarded after January 15, 2009. In response to a legal challenge to the rule, the government agreed to suspend the rule until February 20 and again until May 21. The plaintiffs in the lawsuit requested the extension after President Obama's Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel issued a memorandum directing federal agencies to consider extending by 60 days the effective dates of all regulations already issued but not yet in effect, in order to allow the new Administration a chance to review any "questions of law and policy raised."

## Second April Letting Results

### **April 22 & 23, 2009 Letting Totals**

### **Highway Jobs**

Total Low Bids	\$ 290,430,716.69
Total Second Low Bids	\$ 306,166,541.88
Amount Left on the Table	\$ 15,735,825.19
% of Low Bids Left on the Table	5.42
Average Number of Bidders per Job	4.63
Total of the Engineer's Estimate	\$ 402,288,700.00
Difference between Estimate & Low	\$ 111,857,983.31
% Above or Below Engineer's Estimate	27.81
Total Number of Projects	133

## Upcoming Letting Estimates

<u>Month</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Luncheon Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 7 & 8 Hotel	\$217.64(M)	50	May 7	Four Seasons
June 9 & 10 Hotel	\$199.93 (M)	38	June 9	Four Seasons

\*June letting projects have been newly approved. To view the current list, please click [here](#). Projects are subject to change. To view the most current list after today, go to <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/schedule.htm>.