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Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch

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First Lady Laura Bush to Attend Membership Luncheon April 21

AGC is proud to host First Lady Laura Bush at the Membership Luncheon for the second April letting. The First Lady will unveil a new video on an issue close to her heart, the National Parks Service. Please join us at the Four Seasons Tuesday, April 21, at 12:30 p.m. for this memorable event. **Note: The luncheon is the day BEFORE the first letting day.**

TxDOT Summer Hire Program is Here Summer Employment Program Information

The Texas Department of Transportation's summer hire program is accepting applications to work with the department from May 1 through August 15. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for one of the positions, click on the link above for more information.

Management Conference on the Chesapeake

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. The closest airport is BWI in Baltimore, MD. And if you have any questions, please contact Debbie Koehler at dkoehler@agctx.org, or 512/478-4691. We hope you'll join us in June on the Chesapeake.

First April Letting Results

<u>April 7 & 8, 2009 Letting Totals</u>	<u>Highway Jobs</u>	<u>Maintenance Jobs</u>
Total Low Bids	\$ 56,629,658.09	\$ 18,561,385.04
Total Second Low Bids	\$ 59,797,489.00	\$ 20,248,014.46
Amount Left on the Table	\$ 3,167,830.91	\$ 1,686,629.42
% of Low Bids Left on the Table	5.59	9.09
Average Number of Bidders per Job	7.88	6.38
Total of the Engineer's Estimate	\$ 78,617,900.00	\$ 24,762,800.00
Difference between Estimate & Low	\$ 21,988,241.91	\$ 6,201,414.96
% Above or Below Engineer's Estimate	27.97	25.04
Total Number of Projects	24	29

Upcoming Letting Estimates

<u>Month</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Luncheon Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 22 and 23*	\$403.89 (M)	133	April 21*	Four Seasons Hotel*
May 7 and 8	\$243.08 (M)**	49	May 7	Four Seasons Hotel

Please join the rest of the membership at the April 21 luncheon with our honored guest, First Lady Laura Bush.

*Please note that the second April membership luncheon is April 21, the day before letting.

**The stimulus projects have not been posted for the May letting in their entirety, but is estimated at around \$600 million.

In Memoriam

On April 5, Joseph Andrew "Big Joe" Jackson, Jr. passed away after a courageous fight against melanoma cancer.

Joe was born July 31, 1943 in Austin, Texas and was raised on the Jackson Family Ranch in South Austin. Joe founded Asphalt Paving Co. of Austin, Inc in 1977. He was committed to the business and serving the industry. Joe's company paved most of the major roads in Austin and the surrounding area. Joe and his son, Little Joe ran the company together and built the company on hard work and honesty.

Joe's long term service as chair of the rodeo committee helped establish the success of the Austin Travis County Livestock Show & Rodeo. Joe committed himself to building the Texas Exposition and Heritage Center, and was instrumental at getting the show moved to the new location. Joe often raised money for youth whose animals did not make the show.

Joe lived for the past 20 years at the El Papalote Ranch in Encinal, Texas. He was instrumental in quail habitat conservation and ran a successful cattle operation for 15 years.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Jodie and Cecilia Jackson. He is survived by his wife, Francis Jackson; children, "Little Joe" Jackson and wife Leslie; Jill Shackelford and husband Sam "Muy"; step-son, J.C. Teal; numerous grandchildren, one sister, four brothers, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Joe Jackson, Jr. scholarship fund at Star of Texas Rodeo or The Skin Cancer Foundation (www.skincancer.org). The family would like to thank Dr. Judson Sommerville of Laredo, TX for his special care.