



# AGC of Texas

Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch

## E-BULLETIN

### QUICK LINKS:

[June 2009 CD Request Form](#)

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### National AGC warns of new directory scam [Fax Sample](#)

The fax, linked above, has been sent to numerous AGC members nationwide. Please be advised that this is a fraudulent Membership Directory Listing Application and should not be filled out. National AGC is in the process of determining which organization sent the fax. Again, this is not an AGC directory. **Do not respond to the fax or provide money in response to this inquiry.**

### ARRA Projects Require Additional Reporting

For those of you who missed the Stimulus Symposium at the Four Seasons last month, please visit the AGC's website at [www.agctx.org](http://www.agctx.org). There, you will be able to find all forms and special provisions which will be included with all ARRA-funded projects. Documents can be found on the second listed topic on the Home Page. You do not need a password to view these documents.

For those of you with ARRA projects amounting to over \$1 million, you will be responsible for training an employee under the AGC OJT Program. The AGC Chapter Office will coordinate your OJT reporting requirements with TxDOT. If you have any questions regarding these or other ARRA requirements, please contact Kristen Ogden at [kogden@agctx.org](mailto:kogden@agctx.org), or by phone at 512.478.4691.

### Stimulus Update! Department of Interior Releases National Parks Project List

The U.S. Department of Interior has published its complete list which represents \$750 million in stimulus funds. Projects include but are not limited to wastewater systems, hiking trails, fencing, pipeline replacement, paving, and roadwork. Agencies under the jurisdiction of Interior include Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the National Park Service.

A complete listing of projects by state can be found at: [http://recover.doi.gov/docs/nps/nps\\_state\\_projects.pdf](http://recover.doi.gov/docs/nps/nps_state_projects.pdf).

### USACE Civil Works Projects Released

The Army Corps of Engineers has released its list of Civil Works projects to be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The \$4.6 billion is distributed in the following program accounts: Operation and Maintenance, Construction, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program, and Investigations.

The full list of projects, which is quite lengthy, is not attached here but can be accessed via the following website: <http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery/Pages/Projects.aspx>.

### USDA Releases \$616 Million in Projects; More to Come

[USDA List of Projects](#)

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the selection of more than \$615.8 million in water and environmental projects being funded immediately with federal funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Texas has two projects on this list, the Dogwood Springs Water Supply Corporation at \$618,000 and the Wellborn Special Utility District at \$538,000. The various projects will help provide safe drinking water and improved wastewater treatment systems for rural towns and communities in 34 states.

For the complete list of projects nationwide, go to

<http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/.s.7.0.A/7.0.10B?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/04/0136.xml>.

The projects listed in the link constitute about 30% of the total amount of Rural Utility Service projects that will be financed by the ARRA. In total, the USDA anticipates funding almost \$3B in projects with its stimulus funds. The next round of funding should be released by USDA in the upcoming weeks. The projects will come from the backlog project list, linked above. AGC will send more information as it becomes available.

## Department of Labor Host Informational Forum in Houston May 27

[DOL Forum Flyer](#)

[DOL Registration Form](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) and Rice University, Houston, Texas invite you to attend a free information and outreach forum. The event will include an introduction and overview of several DOL agencies regarding their missions, responsibilities and functions. These presentations will be followed by 90 minute workshops designed to assist supply and service contractors, construction contractors, community based organizations and others in gaining knowledge about workplace laws and regulations administered by DOL. The sessions will provide answers to many frequently asked questions by contractors and the community. The Forum is a must attend event for all groups.

Anyone interested in attending should complete the enclosed registration form and return it no later than May 20. You may select from several workshops which will run concurrently at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (see flyer). Participants can attend one workshop per time period. Employers and advocacy groups may have more than one representative attend; however, each person must complete a registration form indicating workshop preferences. Attendance is free. Space will be limited on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, email Lillie Jones at [jones.lillie@dol.gov](mailto:jones.lillie@dol.gov) or contact her by phone at 713-718-3800.

## Elizabeth Boswell Retires from TxDOT Announcement

After 25 years of service, Elizabeth Boswell is announcing her retirement, effective May 31, 2009.

Elizabeth has truly been a tireless worker and a reliable partner of the industry, both in her capacity in the Construction Division and in the Office of Civil Rights. The AGC of Texas wishes her well in her future endeavors. For the official retirement announcement, please click on the link above.

## TxDOT Honors 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Established in 1962, the Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor bestowed upon a former student of Texas A&M University. Since its inception, 190 individuals have been recognized for their significant contributions to their professions, Texas A&M University and their local communities. Last year, the honor went to James D. "Doug" Pitcock, President and CEO of Williams Brothers Construction Company.

This year, Texas A&M posthumously honored Frederick W. Heldenfels, Jr., Class of 1933, Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. As a student, he participated in the Corps of Cadets and was a member of the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society.

Heldenfels joined the family business in 1933 and with his brother, Tony Heldenfels, Class of 1935, lead the lumber business started by his father and uncle to become one of the largest contractors for public and private construction projects in South Texas. He was named Chairman of the Board of Heldenfels Brothers, Inc. in 1978 and remained so until his death in 1992.

Active and influential within the construction industry, he served as president of both the Associated General

Contractors of Texas and the Associated General Contractors of America. He served as a board member for the Del Mar College Board of Regents for 24 years and as its president for 10 years. In recognition of his service to the school, the administration building was named for him in 1982.

Heldenfels served on the Board of Directors of the Texas A&M Research Foundation and was an active supporter of The Association of Former Students and the 12th Man Foundation.

### 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](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.

### April Commission Results

Below are the results of the Highway Maintenance and Department Building Construction and Highway and Transportation Enhancement Building Construction contracts from the April 30, 2009 Texas Transportation Commission meeting held in Austin, Texas.

ITEM 15.a. (1) Highway Maintenance and Department Building Construction: Of the 29 state let highway maintenance and department building construction contracts, all were awarded.

ITEM 15.a. (2) Highway and Transportation Enhancement Building Construction: Of the 28 highway and transportation enhancement building construction contracts, all were awarded. There were 129 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) projects let.

### Reminder: TxDOT hosts ARRA Webinars

#### [Webinar Instructions](#)

The Texas Department of Transportation will conduct webinars on May 15, 22, and 27. These webinars will last from 9:00 a.m. to noon and will provide additional details for TxDOT staff and Contractors regarding the ARRA employment reporting requirements and the State OJT program. The same information will be presented in each webinar. Please look at the attached for instructions, and make a copy for your convenience.

**IMPORTANT: The ARRA webinars conducted by the department are limited to 100 participants per session. If you wish to attend one of these webinars, please contact the department BEFORE the meeting date at (512) 416-2428 to reserve a spot on the date of your choice. If the maximum number of participants is exceeded, you may be asked to attend a later session.**

Additional sessions will be scheduled according to need.

### May Letting Results

<u>May 7 &amp; 8, 2009</u>	<u>Highway Jobs</u>	<u>Maintenance Jobs</u>
Total Low Bids	\$ 173,420,061.02	\$37,716,427.98
Total Second Low Bids	\$ 196,280,197.26	\$41,029,441.97
Amount Left on the Table	\$ 22,860,136.24	\$3,313,013.99
% of Low Bids Left on the Table	13.18	8.78
Average Number of Bidders per Job	7.80	5.80
Total of the Engineer's Estimate	\$ 217,500,600.00	\$48,264,700.00
Difference between Estimate & Low	\$ 44,080,538.98	\$10,548,272.02
% Above or Below Engineer's Estimate	20.27	21.90
Total Number of Projects	50	35

## Upcoming Letting Estimates

<u>Month</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Luncheon Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
June 9 & 10	\$179.94 (M)	38	June 9	Four Seasons Hotel

## In Memoriam

David Granville Montgomery was born in Dallas on February 17, 1944 and passed away in Austin on May 8, 2009. "Big Dave" was the rock of his family. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Judy; son, David and wife Amy of Southlake; daughter, D'Ann and husband Tino of Austin; grandchildren, Tyler, Hunter, Will, Maylin, Justin and Seth; brothers, Dan of Heron, Montana and Doug of Dallas; many nieces and nephews and countless friends.

Dave had a meaningful impact on all he came in contact with. The family is planning a memorial service at a later date. "Crane Man" Dave was the most renowned and respected professional in the crane industry worldwide. In the "crane game", he was and always be the Most Valuable Player...ever. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home South Congress, 2620 S. Congress, Austin, TX 512/442-1446. You may view memorials at [www.wcfish.com](http://www.wcfish.com).