



AGC of Texas
Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch
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May 14, 2010

Important Notice Regarding Wage Rate Survey

In total, *less than twenty* contractors have submitted their **New Classification Worksheet** to the department so far. Since this initiative will only work if all contractors and subcontractors participate, it is vitally important that your company fill out their NCW as soon as possible.

This request for new classifications is our only tool to prevent labor union-generated wage rates, and in a labor-sensitive Administration, every contractor and subcontractor must submit an NCW to keep your future wage rates from dramatically increasing in the years to come.

The Chapter can help. Please use the attached documents to help you fill out the NCW for your company. If you have any questions or need someone to go through the process with you, contact Kristen Ogden or Thomas Bohuslav at 512.788.3933, kogden@agctx.org, or tbohuslav1@gmail.com.

[AGC wage rate survey presentation for webinar](#)

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AGC of America to Host Webinar on Worker Misclassification: Advanced Issues about Worker Misclassification: What Every Construction Contractor Needs to Know

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Two Part Webinar Series: May 18 & 20 - 2:00pm-3:30pm ET

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) have announced in recent months that the construction industry will be the primary target for audits and other enforcement activities when it comes to worker misclassification. As a result, construction HR professionals have been burdened with the responsibility of properly classifying workers and protecting construction companies from these enforcement activities.

These can sometimes be tough determinations to make, and with wage and hour lawsuits on the rise and record allocation of government agency funds for enforcement and random audits, all construction companies are at risk. Join us as we uncover the advanced issues about worker misclassification in a contractor-friendly manner.

May 18: Independent Contractor vs. Employee

May 20: Exempt vs. Non-exempt

Reminder: Vender Pre-Solicitation Conference

The upcoming Vendor Pre-Solicitation Conference will be open to the entire vendor community. The Comptroller of Public Accounts will be re-soliciting statewide term contracts 745-A1, 746-A1, and 750-A1 for road aggregate later this year. The intent of the meeting is to provide an open forum for vendors to discuss "lessons learned" and avenues for improvement from the previous effort. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Woody Fluharty at Woody.Fluharty@cpa.state.tx.us.

Pre-Solicitation Conference (Road Aggregate)**When:** June 2, 2010 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**Where:** Stephen F. Austin Bldg, Room 170
1700 N. Congress Ave.
Austin, TX 78701**Statement from Texas811**

Typical Spring-time construction activity, ongoing fair weather, and the recent upset associated with Texas One Call shutting down has created the perfect storm for the 811 notification system in Texas.

At Texas811, we are aware of extended wait times and difficulty getting through to Call Center representatives to request utility locates. The situation involving the removal of Texas One Call from operating in Texas was unanticipated and unprecedented. For our part, we are working diligently to correct the situation; however, you simply do not take a warm body off of the street and put them on a telephone. Texas811 currently has 12 new customer service representatives (CSR) in training and are aggressively hiring, but it takes weeks for CSRs in training to become competent in the intricacies of the One Call process.

I would strongly urge any Excavator to utilize "E-locate" or "GeoRemote" to avoid the lengthy telephone hold times we are currently experiencing. In the short term, E-locate should provide immediate relief for the Excavator. However, be advised that our CSRs still have to enter your e-mail information into the system so there will be a short lag time before confirmation of the request is given. Remember, your 48 hour wait time does not begin until you have received your confirmation number. GeoRemote on the other hand is a long term, efficient solution which puts the Excavator in control of the locate request process. GeoRemote is a web based interface with the One Call database which allows the excavator to select the dig site on the map and add any specific requests or comments. Confirmation is immediate upon entry. GeoRemote does require a short on-line training session so now would be a good time to begin the process. Both of these locate request methods can be accessed through our website: www.texas811.org.

These are extraordinary times for utility damage prevention in Texas and the positive working relationship between AGC members and Texas811 has never been more important. Consider utilizing advanced methods like GeoRemote to request utility locates instead of the typical "Call Before You Dig", now and in the future. For up-to-date information go to www.texas811.org.

AGC of Texas Regional Safety Conference in Corpus Christi, Thursday, June 24, 2010

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AGC of Texas Regional Safety Conference in Corpus Christi, Thursday, June 24, 2010: The theme for the 2010 Corpus Christi 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 and Excavation Safety. 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.

May Highway Letting Results

	Construction Jobs	Maintenance Jobs
Total Low Bids	\$ 173,826,577.62	\$ 22,822,217.64
Total Second Low Bids	\$ 185,847,804.76	\$ 24,855,138.39
Amount Left on the Table	\$ 12,021,227.14	\$ 2,463,506.46
% of Low Bids Left on the Table	6.92	8.91
Average Number of Bidders per Job	6.23	5
Total of the Engineer's Estimate	\$ 192,371,762.45	\$ 24,222,592.99
Difference between Estimate & Low	\$ -18,545,184.83	\$ -1,400,375.35
% Over/Under Engineer's Estimate	-9.64	-5.78
Total Number of Projects	61	31

June Local and Statewide Letting Estimates

The June letting is scheduled for June 3 and 4 and is estimated at \$166.67 million for 71 projects statewide and \$18.48 million for 10 local-let projects. The monthly luncheon will be held June 3 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Our speaker for the June membership luncheon is Dallas Mayor Tom Leppert, who will speak to the contractors about Texas' future.

The July schedule is now approved. 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.