



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

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May 29, 2009

**New EPA de Minimus Buy American Waiver
Waiver**

After a series of conversations with National AGC, the EPA has granted an additional Buy American waiver for ARRA which covers up to 5% of project subcomponents for water infrastructure projects using ARRA SRF funding.

AGC members identified many items which might be incorporated into a treatment plant or pipeline/water main replacement projects that may be small in quantity, not domestically produced, of questionable origin, or with the case of ductile iron pipe fittings only one U.S. manufacturer. This waiver should go a long way in resolving many of these issues. To view the waiver, click on the link above.

Stay Current on Safety Issues

Want to make sure your company gets the most up-to-date information regarding safety programs and policy change? AGC is requesting that you submit the names and email addresses for your safety personnel so we can make sure you get the most current information as fast as possible. Send information to Nicole Bertram, at nbertram@agctx.org.

Reminder: TxDOT Stimulus Workshops Now on Internet

During the month of May, TxDOT hosted a series of webinar workshops to provide additional details for TxDOT and Contractors regarding the ARRA employment reporting requirements and the State OJT program. These ARRA webinar presentations and related forms are now available on the internet at - http://www.dot.state.tx.us/project_information/stimulus/default.htm

Sign up for Administrative Conference Today!

[Conference Link](#)

AGC is once again hosting its annual Administrative Conference in sunny South Padre Island at the Sheraton South Padre. The dates are July 16-19. Each year, we get a bigger and better crowd. Families are welcome, and there is plenty of time scheduled around the business meetings for beach, golf, and fishing time! For more information, please click on the link above, or contact Nicole Bertram at nbertram@agctx.org. Hope to see you there!

2009 Nominating Committee

In accordance with the chapter constitution and by-laws, the 2009 Nominating Committee has been appointed by President Tracy Schieffer and consists of the seven most recent, active past presidents of the chapter. The 2009 Nominating Committee members are:

Chairman, Tracy Schieffer, A.L. Helmcamp, 903/626-5911
Jim Andoga, Austin Bridge & Road, 214/596-7320
Zack Burkett, III, Zack Burkett Company, 940/549-0436
Terry Bryant, Jones Bros Dirt & Paving Construction, Inc. 432/332-0721
Art Daniel, A.R. Daniel Construction Services, Inc., 972/291-3304

John R. Weisman, Hunter Industries, LTD, 512/353-7757
Jim Bradley, Capital Excavation Company, 512/440-1717

If you would like to make a recommendation for your chapter board of directors please contact any member of the Nominating Committee. If you would like to present your recommendation to the Nominating Committee, they will meet at the Chapter Office, 300 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, on Wednesday, September 9 at 11:00 a.m. and again at 2:00 p.m. or immediately following the membership luncheon; and again Tuesday, October 20 at 9:30 a.m. Members are encouraged to contact any of the committee members and make nominations for chapter directors for 2010-2011.

In addition to directors, the chapter Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for Life Members. The chapter constitution and by-laws state: Section 3. The Branch may, by affirmative vote of the members, at the recommendation of the Directors, grant the title "Life Member" to any individual who has ceased to be active in the construction industry providing the individual, firm, or corporation has been an active member for at least five years prior to nomination as a "Life Member".

Please send recommendations to the chapter office by fax, 512/478-7936, mail to P.O. Box 2185, Austin, Texas 78768, or to dkoehler@agctx.org.

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.

May Commission Results

ITEM 13.a.(1) Highway Maintenance and Department Building Construction: Of the 33 state let highway maintenance and department building construction contracts, all were awarded except Project RMC - 615763001 in Navarro County, which was deferred.

ITEM 13.a(2) Highway and Transportation Enhancement Building Construction: Of the 31 highway and transportation enhancement building construction contracts, all were awarded.

June Letting Estimate

The June letting is estimated at \$178,995,000 for 40 projects. The letting dates are 9 and 10, and the monthly luncheon will be June 9 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin. Our guest speaker will be John Barton, TxDOT's Assistant Executive Director for Engineering Operations, who will provide the membership with a run-down of the effects of the legislative session on the future of state highway lettings.