



# AGC of Texas

Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch

## E-BULLETIN

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May 4, 2010

### Texas One Call Shuts Down

After recent legal setbacks, One Call Systems (dba Texas One Call) will cease providing One Call notification services in the state of Texas. However, they will work with other call centers to perform an orderly shutdown of their operations.

The shutdown is anticipated to take under a month. In order to ensure the public safety and the smooth transition of our membership, Texas One Call requires the current ticket sharing arrangement with the other call centers to remain in place.

### FOR YOUR USE: TxDOT Approves Additional Classification for the NCW

#### [Classification 1145](#)

The classification "1145 Traffic Signal/Light Pole Worker" was drafted by members to address employee Classification needs in your area. TxDOT has agreed to the new classification for submission through the New Classification Worksheet (NCW) for use during the wage survey period. You may add this classification in the NCW request form for your projects by inserting the information in a new line.

The NCW, draft Red Book, and Quick Reference have been updated on the AGC website at [www.agctx.org](http://www.agctx.org) to address this inclusion.

If you have any questions you may contact Kristen Ogden or Thomas Bohuslav at AGC.

### Comptroller's Office Announces Pre-Solicitation Conference for Road Aggregate

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](mailto: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.

## TCEQ's TERP Update: New Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP) Accepting Grant Applications

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Program is now accepting applications for the new Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP). This new program is separate from the TERP Emissions Reduction Incentive Grant (ERIG) and Rebate Grants Programs, and is open to owners of fleets of 100 or more vehicles operated in Texas, at least 25 percent of which are diesel-powered vehicles.

Projects eligible for funding under this program are intended to reduce nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions while promoting the use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles in Texas. Eligible projects may be limited to certain counties in Texas. Grant applicants must commit to replace at least 25 diesel-powered vehicles with hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles.

TCFP applications must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2010. Grant application forms and instructions are available from the TERP Web site: [www.terpgrants.org](http://www.terpgrants.org) Here, you may also learn more about upcoming Grant Application Workshops. All workshops are free and no registration is required.

## IH 35 Plans in the Waco District Now Available

Plans and cross-sections for the following project are available for review at the Waco District Office. If a contractor is interested in reviewing these plans, contact Andy Petter or Maria Chouinard (254.867.2740) to schedule a time to review and give comments. The department also anticipates having plans and cross-sections for 3623-01-001, also scheduled.

**Highway:** IH 35

**CSJ:** 0014-08-075, etc.

**County:** McLennan

**Limits:** From North LP 340 to FM 1858

**Description:** Reconstruct and widen mainlanes from 4 to 6 lanes and reconstruct frontage roads

**Letting:** Currently scheduled for August 2010 Est. cost: \$ 211.2 Million

Note that we anticipate to have plans and cross-sections for 3623-01-001, also scheduled for an August 2010 letting, available for review around May 30, 2010.

## TxDOT Holds Open Houses Statewide to Discuss Long-Range Transportation Plan

### [PLAN](#)

TxDOT is asking for your help in developing the blueprint for how Texas addresses its future transportation needs.

This plan will provide a framework for developing and implementing a multi-modal transportation system through 2035, including highways, rail, water ports, airports, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, pipelines and Intelligent Transportation Systems.

The Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan is the foundation for many planning efforts underway at TxDOT and includes the efforts of local, regional and federal transportation partners. The plan also assures the state's goals are consistent with federal priorities and guidelines.

Because transportation is important to all Texans, TxDOT will hold public open houses statewide during the first two weeks of May to encourage comments, questions and feedback about the plan. Times, locations and other details are listed in the attached newsletter. Your input is vital for TxDOT to fulfill its mission of providing safe, effective and efficient movement of people and goods throughout Texas.

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

### [Safety Flyer](#)

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](mailto:nbertram@agctx.org).

## Electronic Communications Guidelines

### [Policy](#)

In response to several concerns of inappropriate email behavior with possible anti-trust or other liable implications, The AGC of Texas would like to provide members with their Electronic Communication Guidelines. These may be useful for your own electronic communications policy.

## Partnering, Hot Mix, DBE Seminars Scheduled Throughout Mid-May

If you have not signed up for any of these conferences being held throughout the state, please check the AGC website for upcoming dates in your area. You may find information about all three by scrolling down to the bottom of the AGC website under "Events Corner."

## April Commission Results

Highway Maintenance and Department Building Construction: Of the 31 state let highway maintenance and department building construction contracts, all were awarded.

Highway and Transportation Enhancement Building Construction: Of the 47 highway non-ARRA projects, all were awarded. Of the 14 ARRA projects, all were awarded.

## May, June Local and Statewide Letting Estimates

The May letting is scheduled for **May 11 and 12** and is estimated at \$194.86 million for 61 projects statewide and \$33.27 million for 5 projects locally let. The monthly luncheon will be held May 11 at the Four Seasons Hotel.

Our speaker for the May membership luncheon is the new TxDOT Director of Construction Russel Lenz.

The June letting is scheduled for **June 3 and 4** and is estimated at \$156.69 million for 77 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.

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.

## In Memoriam

On April 23, Judge John Robert (Bob) Adamson passed away in Tyler, Texas.

Judge Adamson was born in Mildred, Texas in 1930. He graduated from Jacksonville High School in 1947 and Lon Morris College in 1949. He received his BBA from the University of Texas in 1952, followed by his MBA in 1953. He then served in the United States Army. After completing his LLB from the University of Texas Law School in 1959, he returned to Jacksonville to open a general law practice. During those early days, he also taught business law classes at Jacksonville College. In 1963, he became assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas, a position he held until 1969 when he joined the law firm of Box, Jones and Adamson in Jacksonville, where he practiced law until 1973. In 1979, the firm of Adamson and Phifer was established and continued until 1985 when it became the firm of Adamson, Phifer and Richards. In 1991 he was appointed to the bench of the 2nd Judicial District Court by Governor Ann Richards where he served until his retirement in 2000. At that time he became a Senior District Judge and continued to work by assignment through 2009. He also taught business law courses at Lon Morris College for several semesters after his retirement.

Over the years Judge Adamson has been active in a variety of civic and county organizations including service as a member of the Jacksonville Industrial Foundation, member and director of the Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce and member of the Rusk Industrial Foundation. He was a former City Judge; past president of the Cherokee County Red Cross, Cherokee County American Cancer Society, Cherokee County Bar Association, and the Jacksonville Public Library Association; director of the Jacksonville Library Board; member and director of the Jacksonville Kiwanis Club and Jacksonville Jaycees; member of the regional Advisory Board of TDMHMR (ACCESS) and Board of Trustees of Lon Morris College; volunteer with Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Cherokee County. He was a 32nd degree Mason. During his retirement years, he especially enjoyed volunteering at the HOPE Center where he drove the HOPE van on a regular basis. For many years before entering the judiciary, he served as chairman of the Cherokee County Democratic Party and in 1984 was a delegate from the Third Senatorial District of Texas to the 1984 Democratic National Convention.

Judge Adamson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville where he served as elder, deacon, choir member and church school teacher. He also served on the Permanent Judicial Commission of Grace Presbytery.

He was predeceased by his parents, sister, and brothers and sisters in-law.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Alice Bone Adamson of Jacksonville, son and daughter-in-law, John Robert Jr. and Cheryl Adamson of Nacogdoches, son, James B. Adamson of Jacksonville, two grandchildren, several siblings and their spouses, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to First Presbyterian Church, 411 S. Bolton, Jacksonville, TX 75766, HOPE, Inc. 595 S. Ragsdale St. Jacksonville, Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd. Tyler, TX 75701, or charity of choice.

**Deepest sympathy and sincere regret are extended to the families on behalf of the entire membership.**

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