



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

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June 12, 2009

**Carlos Lopez Appointed Austin District Engineer**  
**Administrative Announcement**

Effective July 1, 2009, Carlos Lopez, P.E. will assume the position of Austin District Engineer. Lopez was most recently the Traffic Operations Director, a position he held since 1999. For the official administrative announcement, click on the link above. We welcome Carlos to the new position and wish him well as he assumes his new duties.

**"Texas Press" TxDOT Directory not Affiliated with TxDOT**

TxDOT has reported a third party, named Texas Press or City Press, has called contractors asking for information for a "TxDOT Directory." This party is NOT affiliated with the department of transportation, and TxDOT asks that contractors be advised this directory is a for-profit directory sold by this third party. TxDOT publishes its own directory.

**TCEQ Sends Drought Notice**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is distributing letters to water right holders regarding the current state of widespread drought conditions. The Commission reports low and reduced stream flow conditions which will likely impact senior and superior water right holders across the state, and warns that it may be forced to suspend temporary water use permits if the drought persists.

The TCEQ urges water right holders to investigate alternative water sources before the suspensions occur. General information regarding the drought can be found on the TCEQ's website at [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/util\\_water/drought.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/util_water/drought.html).

**TxDOT Schedules Additional ARRA Webinar**

Due to repeated requests, TxDOT has scheduled one additional ARRA Webinar, for Wednesday, June 17 at 9 a.m. The agenda will be identical to the previous four webinars. To log in, follow the directions below. For your convenience, you may want to print a copy of these instructions for your use on Wednesday.

On Wednesday before 9 am, go to <https://www.teleconference.att.com/servlet/AWMlogin>. Your web browser will open to AT&T's TeleConference Services. In the spaces provided input the following information, then click submit:

Meeting number: 8772269790 (Riverside)

Code: 6998137

Email Address: Your desired email address Enter Your Name: Your name and organization

This screen will ask you if you will be joining as a host or as a participant. Click on the button marked "Participant" to go to the next screen. You may encounter a pop up asking you to install ActiveX control: 'WebEx Client' from 'WebEx Communications Inc'. In some cases this notification will be shown in the information bar across the top of your screen. Single click on this information bar and at the drop down menu choose to Install ActiveX Control. You will get an Internet Explorer - Security Warning. Click on the Install button to install ActiveX. At this point, ActiveX will install and you will join the web conference within approximately 2 minutes.

AUDIO PORTION ONLY: At the scheduled date and time of the teleconference, call the following number:

1-877-226-9790

You will receive a recorded message welcoming you to AT&T's teleconference service and asking you to enter your access code followed by the pound (#) key. The access code is: 6998137. You will receive a recorded message instructing you to press the pound (#) key to join the conference as a participant. Press the pound (#) key on your conference phone. At this point, you will join the teleconference automatically.

### Sign up for Administrative Conference Today!

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](mailto: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](mailto:dkoehler@agctx.org).

### 2010 Letting Date Change

#### [Letting Dates](#)

The **2010 October Letting Dates** have changed to October 21 and 22, in order to coincide with the 27th Annual AGC of Texas Trade & Equipment Show. For a complete list of the proposed letting dates, click on the link above.

## June Letting Results

[June 9 Low Bids](#)

[June 10 Low Bids](#)

| <b>June 9 &amp; 10, 2009</b>      | <b>Highway Jobs</b> | <b>Maintenance Jobs</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Total Low Bids                    | \$ 139,509,620.63   | \$ 31,422,171.75        |
| Total Second Low Bids             | \$ 144,779,303.57   | \$ 35,330,052.68        |
| Amount Left on the Table          | \$ 5,269,682.94     | \$ 3,907,880.93         |
| % of Low Bids Left on the Table   | 3.78                | 12.44                   |
| Average Number of Bidders per Job | 10.83               | 5.26                    |
| Total of the Engineer's Estimate  | \$ 172,064,800.00   | \$ 38,202,100.00        |
| Difference between Estimate & Low | \$ 32,555,179.37    | \$ 6,779,928.25         |
| % Below Engineer's Estimate       | 18.92               | 17.75                   |
| Total Number of Projects          | 40                  | 27                      |

## July Letting Estimate

The July letting is estimated at \$560,849,435--\$370M statewide and \$191M locally let. The letting dates are July 9 and 10, and the monthly luncheon will be held July 9 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin.