



AGC of Texas
Highway, Heavy, Utilities & Industrial Branch

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August 25, 2009

AGC Website Going Members-Only

The newly-renovated AGC of Texas website will become password-protected beginning in September. We hope you have had sufficient time to navigate through the site and become accustomed to it.

There will still be open access portions of the site in order for prospective members to view what AGC offers; however, many of the areas-such as the directory listings or letting results page-will now require you to have an AGC password and username to view.

Sometime between now and September, click on the "Login" link in top right-hand side of the Home page, then click "Register" and follow the directions. If you have any questions, please contact Crystal Casto at ccasto@agctx.org.

Trade Show Update: Auction Donors and Gold Sponsors Needed: Registration Opens Sept 1 [Trade Show 26 Flyer](#)

For those of you wanting to show your company name at the Trade Show this year, we need donations more than ever. Please support your AGC! We have designed mailout stuffers for your use in promoting the show. If you would like to use them, please click on the link above. Also, online registration officially begins September 1. Here, you will be able to register for the show and any of the conferences, summits and seminars scheduled for you and your company. Register early and avoid the lines!

Retirement Reception Honoring Thomas Bohuslav

In honor of his service to the Texas Department of Transportation and the State of Texas, a retirement reception has been planned for Thomas Bohuslav, P.E on Friday, September 25 from 2-4 pm at the TxDOT Auditorium, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, 78704. Thomas is requesting no gifts. In lieu of a gift, a donation to the charity VinCare Services would be greatly appreciated. Donation may be made through Judy Broussard or directly by visiting this site: www.vincare.org. The charity's mission is to empower women and children experiencing homelessness.

TxDOT Requests DBE Comments

As a follow-up to the DBE methodology meeting last week, TxDOT is requesting defensible DBE Comments in your area. If you would like to share your comments, please submit them to Kristen Ogden at kogden@agctx.org. Please state which area your comments are in reference to, and please ensure that the comments are not opinions but factual remarks about your experiences with the DBE program. For more information, you may contact Kristen Ogden at the email above. All comments are due September 1.

Join Business Opportunity Email List Today

If you perform DBE outreach for your company, TxDOT is requesting contractor contacts to help you in your efforts. If you or someone in your company would like to receive outreach opportunities and updates from TxDOT, send your contact information to Kristen Ogden at kogden@agctx.org. Members will have until September 18 to request inclusion on this distribution list.

AGC of Texas Hosts Annual Safety Conference Safety Conference Flyer

The theme for the 2009 Annual 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, Accident Investigation, Drug and Alcohol Testing Protocol, Safety Changes Within TxDOT, and Crane Safety. Participants will receive 1 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.

AGC of Texas 2009 Insurance Summit: Bring Your Broker/Agent to this Important Event!

The chapter Insurance & Surety Committee has scheduled an Insurance Summit, held in conjunction with the annual trade show in October. The summit will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Austin Convention Center, Meeting Room #4, on the third floor of the center. The program this year will feature A Contractor's Perspective by Jon Abrams of J.D. Abrams, Inc.; Worker's Compensation Health Networks by Mark Blakemore of Coventry; and an Economic Report for Construction by Ken Simonson, Chief Economist for AGC of America.

There is no charge to attend the summit. Please RSVP to Jennifer Newton at the chapter office, 512/478-4691 or jnewton@agctx.org if you wish to participate in the Summit or would like more information.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL AGC DIRECTORS

Contractor members should be receiving a nominating ballot from AGC of America for 2010 directors. The chapter is supporting the re-nomination of AGC of Texas members Jack Albert with Reece Albert, Inc. and Art Daniel with A R Daniel Construction Services. In addition, the AGC of Texas is supporting building contractors Terry Ray with Terry Ray Construction, Inc. and Preston McAfee with Rogers-O'Brien Construction Co. We hope you will join the chapter in active support of these individuals.

2009 Nominating Committee: If you wish to make a recommendation for the 2010-2011 Chapter Board of Directors, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee, listed below. If you would like to present your recommendation to the Nominating Committee, they will meet Wednesday, September 9 at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, or immediately following the membership luncheon, and again Tuesday, October 20 at 9:30 am. All three meetings will be held at the Chapter Office, 300 Barton Springs Rd, Austin.

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

The chapter Nominating Committee is also accepting nominations for Life Members. A Life Member, per the Chapter Constitution and By-Laws, is "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.'" 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.

Last Call for Texas Contractor Back Issues

Have you missed Texas Contractor magazine this summer? After initially ceasing publication, the Associated Construction Publications and Texas Contractor have reorganized and will resume publication in a new format this month. Editor Liz Mouka has retained back copies of issues from January 1997 to present. If you were featured in a past issue and wanted a copy, please contact Liz

at liz.mouka@gmail.com, or at 972.765.3733. If you would like a memory refresher, Liz has kindly taken pictures of the covers, which can be found at <http://img259.imageshack.us/gal.php?g=txcontractor2009.jpg>. Liz hopes to dispose of them by September 1, so act quickly!

AUGUST LETTING RESULTS

[August 11 Low Bids](#)

[August 12 Low Bids](#)

August 11 & 12, 2009	Highway Jobs	Maintenance Jobs
Total Low Bids	\$ 393,349,130.75	\$ 7,223,650.88
Total Second Low Bids	\$ 412,164,736.68	\$ 8,235,859.37
Amount Left on the Table	\$ 18,815,605.93	\$ 1,102,208.49
% of Low Bids Left on the Table	4.78	14.01
Average Number of Bidders per Job	7.97	5.45
Total of the Engineer's Estimate	\$ 520,981,500.00	\$ 9,873,300.00
Difference between Estimate & Low	\$ 127,632,369.25	\$ 2,649,649.12
% Below Engineer's Estimate	24.50	26.84
Total Number of Projects	72	11

September Letting Estimate

The September letting is estimated at \$291.16 million for 115 projects. The letting dates are September 9 and 10. The monthly luncheon will be held September 9 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin.

The September letting can be found at <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/business/schedule.htm>. Make sure to view the "Delayed/Rescheduled Information" link under the Statewide FY 2010 Projects headers.

In Memoriam

HAROLD D. SHOCKLEY, 83, passed away peacefully August 9, 2009 in Austin, Texas. HD was born in Battle, Texas near Mart, on October 31, 1925. HD graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio followed by receiving his BS in Civil Engineering from The University of Texas in 1948. He was a member of the Ramshorn Club, the National Academy of Science, and a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity at UT. HD married his "sweetheart" and the 1945 UT Sweetheart, Barbara Kinney, of Austin, Texas in 1947. They have two sons: Cleve and David. Following his active duty service in the Navy, HD spent 25 years in the Civil Engineer Corps Naval Reserve attaining the officer rank of Commander. Harold had an active career in highway, bridge, airport and other heavy construction for nearly 40 years. He started work in 1949 as a junior engineer for the Texas Highway Department and City of San Antonio. In 1953 he and his wife moved to Houston and into private industry construction. Over the following decades he worked with several companies: he was president of Warren Brothers/APAC, then Vice President of Durwood Greene Construction, then president of A.M Vogel Construction, then President of SHB Builders. He retired in 1988 and he and Barbara moved to Austin in 1996. Harold was active in his church and a longstanding member of Tallowood Baptist in Houston. He was active for nearly 20 years as Assistant Scout Master in his sons' Scout Troop "Rainbirds" 598. His loves were his family, church, engineering, the US Navy, UT sports (Go Horns!), hunting/fishing and life. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter in-law, Donna Shockley. He is survived by his wife, two sons and daughter in-law, sister and brother in-law, and 3 nieces. His family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to the Alzheimer's Association, Capital of Texas Chapter, 3429 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78731. Obituary and guestbook may be found online at wcfish.com.

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