



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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AGC Promotes Construction Industry in Tough Times

Members stick together to move the industry forward

By Michael Gifford, AGC Colorado Executive Director

AGC has a full head of steam heading into the 2010 legislative session. By sticking together as a team, members are advancing key priorities to move our industry forward. Here are a few highlights:

City & County of Denver Payment Process Update

AGC was the setting for a major meeting in January when the City and County of Denver presented a proposal for improvements to the pay application and change directive/change order process for both public works and DIA projects. More than 50 general and specialty contractor members were in attendance for the meeting, as well as representatives from other construction associations.

Denver asked AGC to begin implementing the proposed improvements immediately and to refine the process as we move forward. AGC has agreed and will be monitoring progress. These improvements are in addition to the amendment to the Prevailing Wage Ordinance (allowing for partial payments) achieved by AGC in 2009.

Bottom line: AGC is leading the effort to speed cash flow to contractors.

Senate Bill 116 – Change Orders on Public Works Contracts

In a nutshell, AGC and CCA sponsored a bill in 1992 that requires public agencies to have appropriated funds before a project is started, and to also have appropriated funds before issuing a change order or change directive. This bill adds a third requirement in the existing state law that would require the public agency to make payments to the contractor from the time a directive is issued until the time that a change order is finalized. It is designed to get some funding flowing to the GC and subsequently to the specialty contractors and suppliers on the project. As you know, some of these change orders can take quite a while to formalize. The payments are periodic reimbursements for cost, as defined in the contract. So AIA 111, Consensus Docs or other language can be used to define how a public entity will comply with the law. Watch for more news as this bill winds its way through the legislative process.

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Water Infrastructure Network

AGC and CCA have joined together to form a state version of AGC America's Water Infrastructure Network. The long-term goal of the network is to gain more funding for water and wastewater projects in Colorado. Other members of the coalition include the Colorado Municipal League and the Colorado Special Districts Association. This collaboration with these two key public owner groups is helping us in our other legislative goals.

Recently the state received \$65 million in stimulus funding for water and wastewater funding. But when the state surveyed local governments for project needs, \$4.2 billion in facility upgrade requests came in. Obviously water and wastewater systems relate to commercial development and economic development so this coalition fits in with our larger Infrastructure Initiative.

Bottom line: AGC and CCA are leading the way to grow the market and improve the Colorado economy.



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Upcoming Events

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS @ LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB:

March 2	FasTracks Update, with speaker Phillip Washington, Interim General Manager of the Regional Transportation District (RTD). <i>New and Prospective Member Orientation prior to luncheon</i>	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
April 6	General Membership Luncheon, with speaker Kim Day, DIA	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
May 4	Safety and Environmental Awards	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

NORTHERN COLORADO MEETINGS:

March 11	Breakfast program, with speaker Don Marostica, Office of Econ. Dev. & International Trade @ Budweiser Event Center, Loveland	7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
May 17	Northern Golf Tournament @ The Olde Course, Loveland	7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
April 8	Bowling Event @ Chipper's Lanes, Fort Collins	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

SOUTHERN COLORADO MEETINGS

March 25	Safety & Environmental Update Networking Event @ GH Phipps Construction, Colorado Springs Legislative Update Food & Networking	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
April 29	AGC/C Luncheon Location TBD Construction Outlook: Still Rocky or will Colorado Spring Ahead?	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
May 27	AGC/C Luncheon Location TBD Southern Delivery System Update from Colorado Springs Utilities	11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Upcoming Training @ AGC Education Center:

LEED Green Associate Training March 4	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Leadership in the Field Series I March 19 – April 9	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
LEED Green Associate Training On-Line Training: Visit agc-green.webx.com March 3 (4 week course)		Dale Carnegie/AGCC Series March 25	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
English for Construction Workers February 9 (8 week course)	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Fall Protection User Awareness Course April 8	12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Basic Stormwater February 25 April 23	7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	BIM 101 March 11	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
LEED AP + BD &C Training March 5	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	BIM 102 April 9	8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Advanced Stormwater Manager's Course March 3-5 April 28-30	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Leadership in the Field Series II April 30 – May 14	12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Scaffolding March 9	12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.		



2010 AGC Committee Meeting Dates

Mark your calendars now for these important meetings!

AIA/AGC/ACEC Liaison Committee
7:15 - 9:00 a.m. @ AGC Education Center
March 16 • April 20

AGC Board of Directors
7:30 - 10:00 a.m. @ AGC Classroom
March 24 • April 28

Associate Board
7:45 - 9:00 a.m. @ AGC Boardroom
March 4 • April 1

Crane Task Force
7:00 - 9:00 a.m. @ AGC Boardroom
March 19 • April 16

Construction Career Days Committee
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. @ AGC Boardroom
March 12 • April 9

Education Committee
11:30 - 1:00 p.m. @ AGC Conference Room
March 17 • March 19

Legal Advisory Council
7:30 - 9:00 a.m. @
February 24

Management Committee
8:00 - 10:00 a.m. @ AGC Conference Room
March 10 • April 21

Member Services Committee
7:30 - 9:00 a.m. @ AGC Education Center
March 17 • April 21

No. Colorado Committee
8:00 - 9:30 a.m. @ Loveland / Ft. Collins
March 18 • April 15

Safety Council
11:30 - 1:00 p.m. @ AGC Education Center
March 23 • April 27

Southern Colorado Committee
8:00 - 9:30 a.m. @ CO Springs
March 3 • April 28

Specialty Contractors Council
7:00 - 9:00 a.m. @ AGC Education Center
March 10 • April 14

FLF Steering Committee
6:00 - 8:00 a.m. @ AGC Conference Room
March 9 • April 13

FLF Committee
2:00 - 6:00 p.m. @ AGC Education Center
March 18 • April 15

Legislative Committee
7:30 - 9:00 a.m. @ AGC Conference Room
March 11 & 25 • April 8 & 22

Stormwater Council
10:00 - 12:00 p.m. @ AGC Education Center
March 25

Subcontractor Relations Committee
12:00 - 1:30 p.m. @ AGC Education Center
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