



# Ramp Up to the 2010 Election

## Improving our construction economy with the AGC PAC

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Our economy is in tough shape. Construction industry unemployment is at 27.1%, the worst since the Great Depression. In response, our state's elected leaders have piled a whole new round of regulations on our plate. AGC has taken the lead in defeating many of these damaging ideas. A few we have defeated include:

- Expansion of construction defects legislation
- A slew of bills to increase work comp insurance costs
- Expanding the Colorado Open Records Act to construction contracts
- Making sales and use tax a lien on the project property

If we are going to improve our economy – and our industry – we cannot continue to play defense and stop a few bills here and there. We must go on the offensive and elect better candidates to the legislature.

AGC has started its offense. This year AGC and the BuildingJobs4Colorado Coalition took the lead in improving payment and cash flow for contractors by working to pass SB116 – Change Directives for Public Works contracts. This is a major improvement for the construction industry, and should allow you to create jobs by putting more people to work.

But to do more to improve our economy, we need your help.

Colorado law allows your firm to donate up to \$525 per two-year election cycle to the AGC Construction Action Committee (the AGC PAC). AGC members on the AGC Legislative Committee evaluate candidates and use these funds to help elect people who will create jobs, stop more regulation of your business and improve the economy.

If you have any questions about how the AGC PAC operates or want to get more involved in AGC's legislative program, please feel free to contact me at 303-388-2422 or [mgifford@agccolorado.org](mailto:mgifford@agccolorado.org). You can also check out our legislative program at [www.agccolorado.org](http://www.agccolorado.org).

To make a donation to the AGC PAC, e-mail me at [mgifford@agccolorado.org](mailto:mgifford@agccolorado.org). I will send you a contribution form and get you on the team that will be working to improve our economy and create jobs in 2011. Let's elect politicians who will help our businesses, not add more regulation and cost.

P.S. AGC will also be fighting three damaging measures on the November 2010 ballot: Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61. Look for more information soon on how AGC will join other groups to fund this fight for our economic future.



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## Upcoming Events

Register Online Today For Upcoming Events/Training at [www.AGCColorado.org](http://www.AGCColorado.org)

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEONS @ LAKEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB:

May 4                      Safety and Environmental Awards                      11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

### NORTHERN COLORADO EVENTS:

May 17                      Golf Tournament @ The Olde Course, Loveland, CO                      7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

June 10                      Northern Colorado Breakfast @ Budweiser Event Center                      7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### SOUTHERN COLORADO EVENTS:

May 27                      Southern Delivery System Update from Colorado Springs Utilities @  
The Warehouse Restaurant                      11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

June 16                      Trap Shoot @ Pike's Peak Gun Club                      2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 4                      Ace Awards Workshop @ AGC/C                      7:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

June 3                      AGC/McGraw-Hill Construction BIM Conference @ Lakewood Country Club                      7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

June 21                      Columbine Golf Tournament                      11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

July 15                      AGC/CCA Joint Summer Event @ The Wynkoop Brewery                      3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

August 16                      Lakewood Golf Tournament:                      AM Shotgun                      7:00 a.m.  
PM Shotgun                      1:00 p.m.  
Dinner/Prizes                      6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## Upcoming Training @ AGC Education Center:

**Webinar - LEED Green Associate Exam Prep**

**Online Training** . . . . .

May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, July 7, 14, 21, 28

**Advanced Stormwater Manager's**

**Course** . . . . . 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

July 28-30

**BIM Technology** . . . . . 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

May 6-7

**Business Acumen (FLF)** . . . . . 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**LEED Green Associate Exam**

**Prep Training** . . . . . 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

May 13, June 23 – 24, July 8, Sept. 30, November 11

**LEED AP + Specialty BD&C.** . . . . . 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

May 14, July 16, October 1, November 12

**LEED O & M Training** . . . . . 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

July 9

**Fall Protection Course** . . . . . 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

July 13, November 12

**AGC/C & Dale Carnegie Series** . . . . . 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

May 18, June 8

**Basic Stormwater** . . . . . 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

June 30, July 23, August 26, September 29, October 22

**Trenching & Excavation.** . . . . . 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

May 26, October 12

**Project Management.** . . . . . 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

June 9, 10, 11, September 22

**Flaggers Course** . . . . . 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

June 16, September 1



## 2010 AGC Committee Meeting Dates

**Mark your calendars now for these important meetings!**  
**For committee descriptions, visit the boards and committees page at**  
**[www.AGCColorado.org](http://www.AGCColorado.org).**

### AIA/AGC/ACEC Liaison Committee

7:15-9:00a.m. @ AGC Education Center  
May 18 • June 15 • Sept 21

### AGC Board of Directors

7:30 - 10:00a.m. @ AGC Classroom  
May 26 • June 23 • July 28 • Aug 25 • Sept 29

### Associate Board

7:45-9:00a.m. @ AGC Boardroom  
May 18 (3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) • June 3 • July 1 • Aug 25

### Crane Task Force

7:45-9:00a.m. @ AGC Boardroom  
May 21 • June 18 • July 16 • Aug 20 • Sept 17

### Construction Career Days Committee

9:00-11:00a.m. @ AGC Boardroom  
May 14 • June 11 • July 9 • Aug 13 • Sept 10

### Education Committee

11:30-1:00p.m. @ AGC Conference Room  
May 19 • July 21 • Sept 15

### FLF Steering Committee

6:00-8:00a.m. @ AGC Conference Room  
May 11 • June 8 • July 13 • Aug 10 • Sept 14

### FLF Committee

2:00-6:00p.m. @ AGC Education Center

### Legislative Committee

7:30-9:00a.m. @ AGC Conference Room  
May 27 • June 24 • July 22 • Aug 26 • Sept 23

### Management Committee

8:00-10:00a.m. @ AGC Conference Room  
May 12 • June 9 • July 14 • Aug 11 • Sept 8

### Member Services Committee

7:30-9:00a.m. @ AGC Education Center  
May 19 • June 16 • July 21 • Aug 18 • Sept 15

### No. Colorado Committee

8:00 - 9:30a.m. @ Loveland / Ft. Collins  
May 20 • June 17 • July 15 • Aug 19 • Sept 16

### Safety Council

11:30-1:00p.m. @ AGC Education Center  
May 4 • June 22 • July 27 • Aug 24 • Sept 28

### Southern Colorado Committee

8:00-9:30a.m. @ CO Springs  
May 5 • June 2 • July 7 • Aug 4 • Sept 1

### Specialty Contractors Council

7:00-9:00a.m. @ AGC Education Center  
May 12 • June 9 • July 14 • Aug 11 • Sept 8

### Stormwater Council

10:00-12:00p.m. @ AGC Education Center  
June 24 • Sept 30

### Student Chapters

TBD

### Subcontractor Relations Committee

12:00-1:30p.m. @ AGC Education Center  
May 3 • June 7 • Sept 13

**All AGC/C members are invited to participate in the committees and councils.**  
**If you would like to attend, please notify the staff liaison at 303-388-2422 or by email:**

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Subcontractor Relations Committee  
Legislative Committee

## New Members

### Argus Contracting, Inc.

Specialty Contractor Member

Contact Keith Yowell for more information.

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### Burgess Services, Inc.

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On March 31 Gov. Ritter signed **SB116 – Change Directives for Public Works Contracts**. Sponsored by AGC/C and the Building Jobs4Colorado Coalition, Senate Bill 116 will speed cash flow to contractors when a public owner issues a change directive. Pictured (above) are Gov. Ritter, bill sponsors Sen. Mike Kopp (R), Rep. Joe Rice (D) and Rep. Kevin Priola (R), along with AGC/C Legislative Committee Chairman Bud Starker, Starker Construction; Craig Clark, Dynalectric Company of Colorado; Dale Heter, Mortenson Construction; and AGC/C staff representatives Executive Director Michael Gifford and Government Relations Director Dennis Jakubowski. Also pictured from the BuildingJobs4Colorado Coalition are Helga Grunerud, Hispanic Contractors of Colorado; Jenn Penn, BJ4C Coalition lobbyist; Tom Keating, SMACNA; and ABC Rocky Mountain Chapter Executive Director Mark Latimer.



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