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Construction Industry News

AGC NYS Construction Industry Conference XXVI

Mark your Calendars: December 4 though 6 in Saratoga Springs
Acronyms abound—P3, CMGC, CPM, JV's

Preparations are well under way for this year's three-day conference. We have over **2 dozen workshops** planned to address issues such as Change Order Management, 4D Modeling and Brownfield Development. In addition to NYSDOL, NYSDEC, NYSDOT and the Thruway Authority, presenters hail from Fails Management Institute (FMI), MTA, and AGC of America. **Safety** topics are always part of the event – fall protection, rigging principals and workers comp control.

On **Tuesday**, we have **training for certificates** in SPDES, HMA Density Testing and Work Zones. The highlight of the opening day is the presentation of the **Jeffrey J Zogg Build New York Awards ceremony and reception**.

Wednesday's keynote is Eric Giguere – The Buried Truth Uncovered; followed by workshops and an **expanded Trade Show** with more booth space and a **Technology Showcase** section.

Former Pataki Communications Director, David Catalfamo, and ENR Award of Excellence recipient Ted Zoli are two of the **featured speakers** on **Thursday**. Returning this year, **Partnering Awards** recipients will be announced.

Registration information will hit your inboxes soon!



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BIM 101 Training Coming to Buffalo

On October 10, 2012 the AGC NYS will jointly be hosting the AGC BIM 101 Course with the Construction Exchange of Buffalo and Western NY. *BIM 101* is designed specifically for construction professionals eager to learn the essential concepts of BIM. The full-day (8-hour) course explains the benefits of improved visualization on a construction project through the use of 3D, 4D, and 5D models, establishes a knowledge base of BIM terminology and outlines case studies showing successful BIM implementation. For more information and a [registration form click here](#):

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2012 Safety Excellence Award Applications Now Being Accepted

The AGC NYS Safety Excellence Award is given for excellent safety and loss prevention programs achieved through commitment, training and innovation by AGC Members. Deadline for submittal is Friday, October 26, 2012. For a copy of the application and details about the award [process please click here](#).

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2012 Excellence in Partnering Application Now Available

The AGC NYS is soliciting applications for the annual **Excellence in Partnering Awards**. The competition is open to those construction projects that best exemplify the basic principles of partnering - **integrity, teamwork, commitment and equity**.

If you know of a project that embodies these principles and has made effective use of the partnering concept, please encourage submittal of an application to The Judges. [Please click here for the application and criteria](#).

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2012 Membership Directory

The latest edition of our Directory is in the mail to you. This handy reference is a valuable tool for your staff. It contains contact information for members and various state agencies and public partner contact information. New this year is the Professional Support Service section so you can easily connect with firms who are AGC Members to assist you with a variety of industry and business issues. Please contact us (518) 456-1134 and let us know if need additional copies for your staff.

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2013 Winter Meeting (REGISTRATION OPEN)

Registration information is now available for our 2013 Winter Meeting to be held in Grand Cayman, January 25-30, 2013. We will be staying at the newly renovated Westin Casuarina Resort and Spa on the spectacular Seven Mile Beach. All rooms in our block will have an ocean view.

This Meeting is a great opportunity to connect with your fellow members and have an opportunity to discuss industry and AGC NYS issues in a relaxed setting. Several Committees will meet during the week and we will elect our new Leadership for 2013.

If you require suite pricing please contact us as soon as possible as there are only a select number of suites available. Please [click here for more information](#) on this year's Winter Meeting. If you have questions or specific needs please contact Cathy Newell via email at cnewell@agcnys.org or by phone at 518-456-1134.

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AGC NYS Worker's Comp Safety Group 550 - Stability You Can Count On

Markets for worker's comp coverage are drying up quickly around the state as more and more carriers are either leaving New York altogether or avoiding writing comp coverage unless it is a smaller account. AGC NYS Members are encouraged to take a look at our WC Safety Group #550 as a safe haven for contractors comp coverage. The safety group is entering its 20th year and continues its stellar performance (never a dividend below 25%). If its time to look for worker's comp coverage, its time to look at Safety Group #550. For more information, contact AGC NYS.

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LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER - Three Seats Remaining for the Design Build Certification Workshop

Don't wait. There are only three seats remaining for the first design-build program certification workshop being offered by a construction industry association in conjunction with DBIA New York State. For more information, and to [register click here](#) or call Brendan Manning (518) 456-1134.

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Obama Administration Releases Report Guessing at the Possible Agency Cuts Under Sequestration

On Sept. 14, the Obama administration released a [report](#) to Congress providing a first guess at how they will implement \$1.2 trillion in automatic budget cuts—called sequestration—slated to begin on Jan. 2, 2013. This sequestration process comes as a result of the debt ceiling deal –enacted under the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA)—for which background information can be found [here](#) and [here](#). [Read More](#)

According to the report, the construction accounts seeing the greatest cuts include the Department of Defense military construction account and major USACE civil works construction accounts. Other construction accounts facing potential cuts include those within the National Resources Conservation Service and the Bureau of Reclamation. The report also outlines cuts to Department of Transportation accounts, impacting highway and transit funding. While the Highway Trust Fund is not included in sequestration, general fund transfers into the trust fund resulting from the recently enacted MAP-21 would be cut by \$471 million, hastening the date when the trust fund will once again be unable to support annual funding levels. A portion of the transit funds (which are primarily capitol grant funds) are from general revenue and these could be cut by \$156 million. For more information on additional construction accounts, [click here](#)

All Department of Veterans Affairs accounts, the General Services Administration's Federal Buildings account and the Highway Trust Fund itself are exempt from sequestration and do not face budget cuts in the report. However, these accounts could face cuts under BCA-enacted spending caps for FY 2014 through FY 2021.

AGC continues to advocate on Capitol Hill for adequate investment in our nation's federal infrastructure and facilities.

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AGC of America and Paul B. Richards Scholarship Applications Now Available

The AGC of America Foundation has opened the online scholarship application which includes the AGC NYS' Paul B. Richards Memorial Scholarship.

The AGC Education and Research Foundation offers undergraduate and graduate level scholarships to students enrolled in ABET or ACCE-accredited construction management or construction related engineering programs. Over \$8 million in scholarships have been awarded to more than 3,000 students attending colleges and universities across the country.

The *renewable* undergraduate scholarships are worth \$2,500 per year for each year of undergraduate study, up to a maximum of \$7,500. Over 100 new scholarships are awarded each year. There is no application fee. Visit <http://scholarship.agc.org/> to start an new application.

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An Interesting Article On "Greening" The Cement Process

CarbonCure makes concrete go green 'without compromise'

<http://business.financialpost.com/2012/09/17/carboncure-makes-concrete-go-green-without-compromise/>

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100,000 CY of Fill Needed

Commercial Real Estate Developer accepting clean fill, up to 100,000 yards for the redevelopment of a Brownfield Site located in Schenectady, NY along Erie Blvd. For further information please contact: Steve Luciano, Galesi Management, 518-465-1565 or via email to sluciano@galesi.com

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Government Affairs

Speak Up! Natural Gas Rally/March at State Capitol on Oct. 15

Send a message to Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature by speaking up at a rally and march in support of natural gas development at the State Capitol on Monday, October 15th. The rally starts at 11:00 am at the Corning Preserve Amphitheatre and at 12:30 pm the march to the Capitol begins.

The construction industry needs strong representation at the October 15th rally and we are urging you and your employees to participate. Wear your hard hats, bring your work trucks and march proudly alongside hundreds of New Yorker's that support hydraulic fracturing.

Natural gas is good for business, jobs and the environment. Speak up and join AGC NYS on October 15th.

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Help Wanted. AGC America PAC Chapter Board Contest

Bill Gaetano, Gaetano Construction, is the Northeast Region Chair of the AGC America Political Action Committee. Bill is working hard to raise funds for the AGC America PAC Chapter Board Contest – Victory 2012 "Each One, Reach One." He needs your help to raise a minimum of \$40,000 for the AGC America PAC.

Many of us have evidenced the great work AGC America is doing for us in Washington D.C. like eliminating the 3% withholding tax and repealing the onerous 1099 filing requirement for all business-to-business transactions for services and goods equaling \$600 or more a year. These victories don't happen without a strong political action committee.

Please contact Bill at 315.733.4611 to help him meet our goal.

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Assemblyman Dan Quart Wants To Meet You

Please join us for lunch with New York State Assemblyman Dan Quart at The Downtown Association 60 Pine Street on Wednesday, October 10 from 12:30 am - 1:30 pm. **There is no charge to attend the lunch.**

Assemblyman Quart will share his thoughts about the upcoming elections, construction industry legal issues, life in Albany as a freshman Assemblyman, and answer questions from participants.

Please RSVP to Stacy Manny at 518.456.1134 or smanny@agcnys.org.

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Employees - Get Out The Vote!

Our industry's success depends on everyone's involvement in the election process, at the federal, state and local levels. One of the largest untapped voting blocs are the thousands of AGC NYS employees that have a common goal of supporting candidates that support construction jobs. We need to motivate employees to vote on Election Day 2012.

With Election Day right around the corner, Rebuild New York Now has developed a series of "Take Action" tools to help employers communicate with their employees about the importance of getting out the vote on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. Voter resources include pay check inserts, posters, and other useful election information.

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Highway News

[NYSDOT Accelerated Program Updates:](#)

Patroon Island Bridge – D262091

Region 1

Pre-Qualification – criteria revised and RTQ re-announced.

Documents posted Sep 14 on the Patroon web page; newest postings at bottom of list:

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/business-center/projects-studies/prequalification>

RTQ deadline Oct 3, 2012

Prequalified firms/teams must be approved before Oct 23, 2012

Plans available to PreQualified firms Oct 24, 2012

Letting Nov 29, 2012

Kendrick Road – D900010

Region 4

Design-Build

Newest postings at the bottom of the first section list of the Kendrick Road web page:

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/business-center/DesignBuildProjects>

Shortlist announced Sep 11, 2012

Proposals Due Nov 9, 2012

Selection Dec 5, 2012

NTP Dec 28, 2012

Rte 347 – D900012

Region 10

Design-Build

RFQ Posted Sep 14 on Rte 347 web page; newest postings at top of page:

<https://www.dot.ny.gov/main/business-center/designbuildproject1>

SOQ Due Oct 10, 2012

Shortlist Announcement Oct 26, 2012

Proposals Due Jan 10, 2013

Selection Jan 25, 2013

NTP Mar 1, 2013

Patterson Bridge Rte 352– D262142

Region 6

Bid format: A+B – not Pre-Qualification

Anticipated Letting Date Dec 13, 2012

Re-Packaged Accelerated Bridge Contracts

Regions 4 and 5

Designers Selected Sep 10, 2012

Bid format: Lump Sum

Anticipated Letting Date Feb 7, 2013

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Recent NYSDOT Engineering Issuances

EI 12-021 Correction to EI 12-011 Standard Specifications 701-12 Concrete Repair Material – High Early Strength. Revisions to Standard Specifications 502, 555, 569, 602, 603, 604, 606, 609, 704-03, 706-02, and 706-04.

Modifies: EI 12-011 https://www.dot.ny.gov/portal/pls/portal/mexis_app.pa_ei_eb_admin_app.show_pdf?id=11072

This EI makes a correction to EI 12-011 which erroneously included item 701-12 Concrete Repair Material - High Early Strength in the 502-2 Materials and Equipment subsection.

Effective with Letting Date: 1/10/2013

EB 12-022 Revised Standard Specifications for Sections 407 – Tack Coat and 702 – Bituminous Materials.

Supersedes: EI 07-020 https://www.dot.ny.gov/portal/pls/portal/mexis_app.pa_ei_eb_admin_app.show_pdf?id=11076

New specs, pay items and application rates in Section 407. Diluted Tack Coat maximum asphalt content was raised and the application rate was increased. Straight Tack Coat may be substituted when option allowed by DOT. Straight Tack Coat required for Polymer Modified 6.3mm Overlays.

Effective with Letting Date: 1/10/2013

EB 12-034 Estimator Version 2.10a Software Upgrade.

NYSDOT will update Estimator software to version 2.10a in September 2012. Consultants

with current NYSDOT Estimator licenses will receive a version 2.10a upgrade as part of their license agreement and shall update their software by October 31, 2012.

Effective Upon Signature: 9/04/2012

EB 12-035 Required Contract Appendix for Civil Rights Act – Appendix A-1: Supplemental Title VI Provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

https://www.dot.ny.gov/portal/pls/portal/mexis_app.pa_ei_eb_admin_app.show_pdf?id=11071

To notify Sponsors of locally administered federal aid transportation projects that Appendix

A-1 – Supplemental Title VI Provisions (Civil Rights of 1964) is part of the Sponsor's Federal Aid Local Project Agreement, [commonly known as the State-Local Agreement (SLA)] with NYSDOT and for Sponsors to insert the same contract provisions (Title VI Provisions) in their consultant and construction contracts.

Effective Upon Signature: 9/14/2012

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Federal Environmental Approval Of Plan For New Bridge To Replace Tappan Zee

Governor Cuomo announced on September 25, 2012 that the Federal Highway Administration has issued a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the state's proposal for a new bridge to replace the Tappan Zee. This federal approval completes the last step in the review of the project's environmental impact, allowing the state to move forward with the selection of the design-build team. The identification of financing is all that remains to be clarified in anticipation of a late 2012 project start.

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Building News

NYC DDC Releases New City Wide BIM Guidelines

On Thursday, September 20 the NYC Department of Design in Construction released their new BIM Guidelines for Construction. The DDC BIM Guide provides guidelines for the consistent development and use

of BIM across multiple building types and for a wide range of municipal agencies. Those projects designated for BIM will use it through the entire project life cycle. The DDC will require at least one BIM Manager and a Discipline Trade BIM Coordinator (within each trade) be designated for each BIM project. A BIM Execution Plan (BEP) will need to be submitted within 30-days of project award and registration. The BEP is a detailed plan that defines how the project will be executed, monitored, and controlled within BIM. To view and download a copy of the guide visit: http://www.nyc.gov/html/ddc/downloads/pdf/DDC_BIM_Guidelines.pdf

Don't forget that the AGC NYS has upcoming BIM Education programs set for October 22 and November 15 in NYC at the Cornell Club. Click [here](#)

(https://www.agcnys.org/files/Education__Training/BIM_Courses/AGC_BIM_Unit3_10.22.12.pdf for the October 22, BIM Contract Negotiation and Risk Allocation Flyer and [here](#)

(https://www.agcnys.org/files/Education__Training/BIM_Courses/AGC_BIM_Unit4_11.15.12.pdf for the November 15, BIM Process, Adoption and Integration Flyer.

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AGC NYS Hosts NYC Parks Department Presentation

AGC NYS hosted representatives of the City of New York Parks & Recreation Department last week for a presentation to the Membership. Agency Chief Contracting Officers Charlotte Hamamgian and Director of Architecture Kevin Quinn, R.A. discussed the upcoming building program for the department which includes the Idlewild Nature Center Project, the Wyckoff House Visitor Center and various comfort station projects. The primary objective of the presentation was to generate interest from general contractors of the caliber of those who are AGC NYS Members to compete for their work. Joining Charlotte and Kevin was John Spavins of MOCS (Mayor's Office of Contract Services) as they discussed plans to change processes and procedures in a fashion that would improve the attractiveness. Those include moving to a CSI format, lump sum bidding and a unit dedicated to building construction. That unit will have a better grasp of the building construction process relative to the processing of payments and change orders. It was also noted that these projects will, at a minimum, be Lead Silver projects and that in order to bid single contract, they will include PLA's. It was clear from the discussions that there is an interest in working with the industry to improve the way the department conducts business and that AGC NYS will be part of the dialogue. For a copy of the powerpoint presentation, click on the following link:

https://www.agcnys.org/files/Education__Training/NYC_Parks__Recreation.pdf

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Architectural Billings Rise in August

On the heels of a nearly three-point increase, the Architecture Billings Index (ABI) climbed into positive terrain for the first time in five months. As a leading economic indicator of construction activity, the ABI reflects the approximate nine to twelve month lag time between architecture billings and construction spending. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) reported the August ABI score was 50.2, up from the mark of 48.7 in July. This score reflects an increase in demand for design services (any score above 50 indicates an increase in billings). The new projects inquiry index was 57.2, up from mark of 56.3 the previous month.

Unfortunately, the regional information (calculated on a 3-month rolling average) shows the northeast lagging at 45.5. The sector index breaks down as: multi-family residential (53.0), institutional (50.2) commercial / industrial (47.9), mixed practice (46.8)

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Safety News

EPA Revamps Plans to Regulate Lead Paint

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completely revamped its timeline and approach to regulating lead paint dust in commercial and public buildings. The Agency recently signed a revised litigation settlement with environmental groups that gives EPA four more years—*until December 31, 2016*—to take final action. AGC will continue to call for greater transparency, accountability and oversight in the development of national rules covering Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (LRRP) activities. As reported by AGC at great length, EPA formally announced in an April 2010 [Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) that it was on its way to proposing brand new federal rules to guard against lead-based paint hazards that may occur during

the renovation or repair of commercial and public buildings. [Read More](#)

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Education and Training

Nominations Now Being Accepted for Future Construction Leaders Program

The AGC of NYS proudly presents a program designed to assist members in developing future construction company managers and leaders. The Future Construction Leaders of New York State (FCLNYS) program will help teach the issues involved in managing a construction business in New York State. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn, in a structured environment, what they might otherwise spend years learning from personal experience.

Nominations are now being accepted. To learn more about the program and to nominate a Future Construction Leader, [please click here](#).

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