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Upcoming Events

APRIL 2017:

April 10: Tour of NYISO's Control Center April 12: Region 4 Highway Meeting April 12: Region 6 Highway Meeting

<u>MAY 2017:</u>

May 16: Jeffrey J. Zogg Build NY and AIA NYS Excelsior Awards May 18: 2017-18 Construction Outlook May 22: Region 8/11 Meeting May 23: Region 10 Meeting

Industry News

Hogan and Redmond Go Back to School

AGC NYS Member Gary Nanni of Allied Builders invited Jim Redmond and Joe Hogan to speak recently to his Project Construction Management Class at RIT. Joe addressed the class on one day relative to current trends, issues in the construction industry. Two days later, Jim talked all things safety.



Scammers Renew Scheme Targeting Payroll and HR Professionals

Once again, cybercriminals, posing as company executives, are emailing payroll and HR professionals to request lists of employees and their personal information. These emails may appear legitimate because they contain the name of the company's actual chief executive officer; however, if you receive such an email, do not include any payroll data, such as Forms W-2 and Social Security numbers, in a response.

If you are an employer who has been a victim of this scam and, in response, released any payroll data, such as W-2 information and Social Security numbers, see <u>Guidance for employers affected by a W-2 phishing scam</u> for instructions.

For more information about the details contained in these emails, visit the IRS at <u>IRS, States and Tax Industry Renew Alert about Form W-2 Scam Targeting</u> Payroll, Human Resource Departments.

AGC NYS PAC Takes You Out to the Ball Game

Join us for an evening at Yankee Stadium on Thursday, May 11 to benefit the AGC NYS Political Action Committee, hosted by Jimmy Smith of Advance Testing. The Yankees will be hosting the Houston Astros, with first pitch at 7:05 p.m. All guests **MUST** RSVP prior to the event. To RSVP email <u>bryanna@agcnys.</u> org or call (518) 456-1134.



Save the Date: 2017 AGC NYS Summer Meeting

AGC NYS returns to the Otesaga in Cooperstown July 13-16 for the annual summer meeting. Agenda highlights include a trade show held all three days, an AIA roundtable, Building Board of Governors Meeting, Highway Board of Governors Meeting, Board of Directors Meeting and a local brewery tour. Sponsorships are also available, email <u>cnewell@agcnys.org</u> for more information.

Student Resumes for Summer Work are in-house at AGC NYS

We are in receipt of a number of student resumes from students in Engineering and Construction Management Programs. One student who attends SUNY Canton and lives in Fulton, NY is looking for summer work and there are 6 other resumes from NYC students who attend Alfred State looking for summer work in the NYC. Please reach out to Brendan Manning at the AGC NYS at <u>bmanning@agcnys.org</u> if you would like a copy of any of the resumes.

The AGC NYS is also working on developing a "members only" section of the website called AGC NYS Student Chapter Virtual Job Fair which will allow students to post their resumes for summer work, internship, co-ops and then full time employment. We will also be adding a section where AGC NYS members can post summer and full time job openings for new hires. We hope to have this live by the end of April.

2017 AGC NYS Scholarship Applications Now Available!

AGC NYS is proud to announce that the AGC NYS Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for their undergraduate, graduate and diesel technology programs.

Since 1998 the program has awarded 555 scholarships totaling over \$1 million to students pursuing degrees in Civil Engineering, Construction Technology, Construction Management and Diesel Technology. Last year the scholarship committee awarded 24 scholarships worth a total of \$62,000.

Please encourage any students or interns you may know to apply. Deadline is May 15, 2017.

You can find the applications on the AGC NYS website.

Sponsorships Available for the AGC Jeffrey J Zogg Build NY Awards and AIA NYS Excelsior Awards

On May 16 in Albany, N.Y., AGC NYS and the AIA NYS will be holding a joint awards program and reception featuring the AGC Jeffrey J. Zogg Build NY Award winners and the AIA NYS Excelsior Award winners. The event will be a big draw for both contractors and architects throughout the state. We are currently looking for sponsors to help underwrite the event. There are three sponsorship levels that offer a number of different benefits to each firm. You can download a detailed sponsorship form by <u>clicking here</u> or register to <u>sponsor</u> <u>online</u>. Deadline is April 15.

Follow AGC NYS, LLC on LinkedIn

Want to connect with your peers in AGC NYS on LinkedIn? <u>Follow Associated General Contractors of New</u> <u>York State, LLC on LinkedIn</u>. You'll be connected to thousands of your fellow members in seconds. Check back for conversation topics and posts from your AGC NYS staff.

Alliant Insurance Services Announces Addition of Eric Canterbury

Alliant Insurance Services is pleased to announce that Eric Canterbury has joined Alliant Construction Services Group as a Vice President based in the Albany, N.Y., office. Eric has over 21 years of risk management experience as an established risk advisor for construction clients, as well as extensive experience in underwriting, management, and brokering of some of the largest surety programs.





Questions for Army Corps HQ? Submit Them for FEDCON

AGC's Federal Contractors Conference | May 1-3 in D.C.

The difference between AGC's Federal Contractors Conference (FedCon) and other federal construction meetings is that at FedCon construction contractor attendees drive the agenda. For this year's conference—held May 1-3 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.—AGC is currently seeking your questions for consideration in meetings with headquarters leaders of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Military Construction Program, Civil Works Program, Contracting, Safety and Small Business offices. To see the draft agendas for these USACE sessions, <u>click here</u>. To register for FedCon, <u>click here</u>.

Building News

Positive Response to Plattsburgh Airport Spec Review

On March 10, AGC NYS sent one of its typical <u>spec reviews</u> to McFarland Johnson relative to the bidding and contract documents for the Plattsburgh International Airports' Federal Inspections Services Space Fit-Out Project. Click here for a copy of that review. Interestingly, I received a number of emails from AGC NYS Members curious about the response from McFarland Johnson. Last week, we received such a response from them and we were very pleased with that response. While the major issues surrounding MWBE requirements were considered to be beyond their control, they were quite receptive to our other constructive comments. <u>Click here for a copy of that response</u>.

Construction Employment Jumps By 58,000 in February to Highest Level Since 2008: Year-Over-Year Growth is Broad-Based and Tops Private-Sector Rate

Association Urges Educators, Public Officials at All Levels to Spread the Word about Industry's High Pay and Opportunities While Enhancing Career and Technical Education Funding and Programs

Construction employment increased by 58,000 jobs in February to the highest level since November 2008 with gains in both residential and nonresidential segments, according to an analysis of new government data by the Associated General Contractors of America. The association urged public officials to strengthen training and education programs to help students and current workers better prepare for careers in the high-paying construction field.

ABI February 2017: Business Conditions Bounce Back

Firms Find Research, Particularly on Building Materials, to be Important to Their Practice

Architecture firm billings bounced back in February, following a slight decrease in January. Architecture firms reported modest growth for the month, as the ABI score rebounded to 50.7 (any score over 50 indicates billings growth). Inquiries into new projects remained strong, and the largest share of firms in more than two years reported an increase in the value of new design contracts as new work in the pipeline continues to ramp up.

Last Planner System Implementation - Healthcare Construction

Program Moved to April

April 26, 2017 - New York City Fire Museum

This program was originally scheduled for Mid-March. Due to weather and other issues, it was moved to late April.

A panel of members of the Turner Construction Team leading the charge for the New York Presbyterian David H. Koch project on York Avenue in NYC will discuss the implementation of Last Planner System at the project and with the subcontractors resulting in attainable milestones, reliable and predictable work flow and a healthier project environment. They will be joined by David MacNeel of On Point Lean Consulting who has provided Last Planner System Coaching to the team at New York Presbyterian. Click on the <u>link to register</u>.





For the flyer, <u>click here</u>.

If you are having any trouble registering for this event, please contact <u>Joe Hogan</u>.

Register Now for the 2017 AGC Federal Contractors Conference

May 1-3 - Washington, DC

If you engage in work with The Federal Government, don't miss the 2017 AGC Federal Contractors Conference in Washington, DC May 1-3. You will be able to join in talks with:

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Naval Facilities Engineering Command
- General Services Administration
- Air Force Civil Engineering Center
- Bureau of Reclamation
- and many more

Here the latest project forecasts, expert insight on upcoming regulatory hurdles, and ample networking opportunities with agency decision makers are critical to being competitive in the federal construction market.

Unlike other events, the <u>AGC Federal Contractors Conference</u> brings federal agencies directly to the table alongside attendees to generate more candid dialogue and fewer generic presentations. In addition to agency budget and policy overviews, the conference focuses on addressing specific issues facing the construction industry and particular agencies from public-private partnerships to source selection; multiple award contracts to small business; and design-build to bonding.

Everything you need can be found right here: Agenda, Speakers, Registration, Travel & Hotel Information.

The <u>AGC Federal Contractors Conference</u> is your best opportunity to enhance your business and advance your career.

2017 AGC NYS Summer Meeting to Include Programs on Contractor/Designer Collaboration and Double Breasting

This years' AGC NYS Summer Meeting will be held at the Otesaga in Cooperstown July 13-16. Plans are underway for the events, meetings and seminars to be offered at the conference. One program – which will immediately precede the Building Board of Governors' Meeting Thursday afternoon – is a result of our ongoing relationship with AIA NYS. The program will feature a panel discussion of architects and GC/CMs who will discuss the Contractor/Architect Relationship- Collaboration and Conflict Resolution. For Saturday morning, we have assembled a panel of attorneys – Joel Howard of Couch White, Greg Begg of Peckar & Abramson and Denise Gold, AGC of America's Associate General Counsel – who will explore the myriad issues surrounding double-breasting in all its forms.

We hope to see you in Cooperstown for these and other great programs and events. Stay tuned for further details.

AGC NYS/AIA NYS Joint Effort Taking Shape

The official leadership team of what is termed the AIA NYS/AGC NYS Community held their first meeting this week. They are moving forward on plans for several joint efforts which will include the Jeffrey J. Zogg Build New York/Excelsior Awards joint event on the evening of May 16 in Albany; a seminar for the fall and roll out of the nation "Walk a Day In My Shoes" program with our CLC/Emerging Professionals groups. Stay tuned for more information on these programs and efforts.





Government Affairs

<u>STATE NEWS</u> State Budget Agreement Reached Until May 31, 2017 - First Late Budget in Seven Years

For the first time in seven years, the New York State budget was officially late, as lawmakers were only able to reach an agreement on a stop-gap measure through May 31, 2017. Typically, I would be writing a complete state budget summary to inform the membership about the capital funding levels and legislative proposals. I will send a complete summary when a final state budget agreement is reached.

In my 20 years of legislative experience this is the most dysfunctional budget process that I have ever experienced. Over the past several weeks, the members and staff of AGC NYS were in discussions about key construction issues in an effort to stave-off a package of legislative proposals that would have crippled the construction industry and resulted in job-losses. While I expect a final budget agreement in the coming weeks, I do not see an end to legislators and special interests pushing for dangerous proposals to define all state-funded work as 'public work', expanding the use of project-labor agreements, and the unintended ramifications of "Buy American' mandates.

So, what's holding up a final state budget agreement? It depends on who you ask. The Governor blames legislators for playing politics. Senate Majority Leader John Flanagan sent Republicans home and will bring them back "when we have a deal." Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie decided to keep Democrat members in Albany to continue talking. Senate Minority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said "Dysfunction and chaos has descended on Albany." Assembly Minority Leader Brian Kolb said, "A late budget is a failure of state government."

However, the stop-gap budget that was passed does include funding for a \$2.5 billion environmental infrastructure plan, and includes appropriations for transportation and economic development programs. According to multiple state agencies, it's business as usual because all capital projects are authorized on an annual basis but are only funded until May 31, 2017. We fully anticipate by the time this extension expires on May 31st that the final annual budget or another extension will be in place.

What's in the budget?

CAPITAL FUNDING

Water Infrastructure: \$2.5 billion over five years.

- At least \$1 billion for water and wastewater infrastructure administered by the Environmental Facilities Corporation.
- At least \$245 million for water quality projects such as sewer treatment, storm overflow and nonpoint source pollution, including \$25 million for road salt management.
- \$200 million for New York City watershed projects.
- At least \$150 million for inter-municipal water infrastructure projects.
- Up to \$130 million to address hazardous waste and other water contamination.
- \$110 million for land acquisition to protect water sources.
- At least \$75 million to replace septic systems and cesspools.
- Up to \$50 million for green infrastructure.
- Up to \$50 million to help large animal farms, mainly dairy operations, comply with new pollution control requirements.
- At least \$20 million to replace lead pipes.
- Up to \$10 million for emergency water infrastructure projects.





• Up to \$10 million for IT to implement water infrastructure programs.

Environmental Protection Fund: \$300 million.

NY Parks 2020 Initiative: \$120 million in New York Works capital funding – an increase of \$30 million from FY 2017.

Adventure NY Program: \$30 million to improve access to State lands, rehabilitate campgrounds, and upgrade DEC recreational facilities. This funding will also enable DEC to continue to address critical infrastructure needs, including dam safety and flood control projects.

<u>Higher Education</u>: \$1.33 billion in capital funding to SUNY, CUNY and private colleges in New York.

Downtown Revitalization Initiative Round II: \$100 million to ten communities that are currently experiencing population loss and/or economic decline to develop revitalization plans for their downtown area, developed in collaboration with policy and planning experts.

Life Sciences Investment: \$300 million in capital funding as part of a \$650 million initiative to grow a new, world-class life science research cluster.

Empire Station Development: \$700 million.

Buffalo Billion Phase II: \$400 million in capital funding toward the \$500 million Buffalo Billion Phase II.

<u>State Fair Modernization</u>: \$70 million in capital funding to continue modernizing the State Fair.

Photonics Venture Challenge in Rochester: \$10 million, multi-year Photonics Venture Challenge in Rochester.

New York Welcome Centers: The state will establish welcome centers - one in each region of the state.

Master Plan to redevelop Frontier Town into the "Gateway to the Adirondacks" at Northway Exit 29 in North Hudson: \$32 million.

Transform Gore, Whiteface and Belleyare Mountains: \$28 million in new capital funding to transform ORDA facilities.

<u>Utica Hospital</u>: \$300 million for the Mohawk Valley Health System to build a modern and efficient hospital in downtown Utica.

<u>Vital Brooklyn</u>: \$700 million community-based healthcare capital investment as part of the Vital Brooklyn initiative.

<u>Owasco Treatment Center</u>: \$2.15 million toward the design, engineering, and construction of upgrades to the drinking water treatment systems in the City of Auburn and Town of Owasco.

CHIPS: \$438.1m; Marchisellli: \$39.7m; and PAVENY: \$100.m. Base allocations.

Bruckner-Sheridan Interchange Reconstruction: The Budget Extender includes capital funding to begin the \$1.8 billion transformation of the South Bronx.*





Kosciuszko Bridge Replacement: \$270 million in capital funding to support the Phase II replacement of the Kosciuszko Bridge.*

<u>MacArthur Airport Connection</u>: \$20 million to connect MacArthur Airport with the LIRR, as well as \$40 million for infrastructure investments that will support economic growth, environmental sustainability and water quality in business districts in Smithtown and Kings Park.*

Nassau Expressway Reconstruction: \$130 million in new transportation funding to accelerate the reconstruction and elevation of a segment of the Nassau Expressway (Route 878) in Nassau County.*

Upstate Airport Economic Development and Revitalization Competition: Plattsburgh International Airport will receive \$38.1 million to jumpstart the airport's \$43 million overhaul and Syracuse Hancock International Airport will receive \$35.8 million towards their \$48.8 million transformation.

* This does bring into question how DOT funds are allocated pursuant to the July 19, 2016 Transportation Capital Program Memorandum of Understanding.

LEGISLATION

DERA: Implementation delayed until December 31, 2018.

Divisible Load Permits: Increased from 25,000 to 27,000 annually.

Toll Evasion: Authorizes the Commissioner to enter into reciprocal agreements concerning the suspension and revocation of registrations with other states.

DOT/Canal Corporation: Authorizes the sharing of employees, services and resources through shared services agreements between the DOT and Canal Corporation.

DASNY: Authorizes the DASNY to enter into design and construction management agreements with the DEC and OPRHP through April 1, 2019.

What's unresolved in the budget?

Design-Build: Expired on March 31, 2017. The administration believes any RFPs for DB jobs issued before the 31st are still valid but no new projects can be issued.

'Buy American': The Governor's proposal would have mandated preference requirements for all contracts and procurements in excess of \$100,000. Not in the state budget agreement.

Ride Sharing: Uber and Lyft are not authorized to operate in upstate New York.

MWBE: The Governor's proposal would have extended the effectiveness of provisions of law relating to participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE) in state contracts for an additional one year.

Chief Procurement Officer: The Governor's proposal would have authorized a Chief Procurement Officer.





FEDERAL NEWS:

AGC NYS Attends 2017 NYRIC Congressional Reception

AGC NYS welcomed New York State's newest delegation members on Tuesday, April 4 in Washington, D.C.



Highway News

AGC NYS and Members Reach out to Thruway Board and Administration

On Monday March 20 several members, along with Karen Morrison of AGC NYS, attended the monthly meeting of the Thruway Board of Directors. Topics of concern voiced by our industry included: 1) Status of high-speed tolling implementation; 2) Impact of funding high-speed tolling versus the already approved Capital Program; 3) How the Board plans to assure implementing the 20-year asset management plan for reconstructing the system; 4) What the basis could be for potentially assigning a PLA to a central NY bridge project; 5) How the delay of work impacts industry ability to safely and effectively plan business decisions. We were told that the Authority would respond to the questions posed separate from the Board.

Subsequent to Monday's meeting, the NYS Thruway Authority issued a Letter of Intent for Design Build Services for Contract No. D800001, TAS 17-37, Syracuse Division Bundled Bridges. The subject of our question 4 above. In addition to the mandated PLA, AGC NYS submitted our concern with the timing of the project with respect to Design-Build Authorization Expiration at midnight March 31, 2017.

You will find our letters of concern at the following links: <u>Design-Build timing</u> | <u>PLA decision</u>





It's Work Zone Awareness Week - April 2-8 Take this <u>brief survey</u>.

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held at the start of construction season to encourage safe driving through highway work zones. The 2017 NWZAW is scheduled for April 3-7 and the theme is: "Work Zone Safety is in Your Hands." A National kickoff event will be held will be hosted by the State of Maryland at a highway construction project in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. AGC of America has served on the Executive Committee of the NWZAW since its inception in 1999. AGC's Highway and Transportation Division Chairman Donn Diederich will participate in



the event. AGC chapters across the country also participate in NWZAW hosting their own events usually in cooperation with their state Department of Transportation. In addition, April 5 has been designated "Go Orange Day," and the work zone awareness committee is encouraging "all roadway safety professionals across the country . . . to wear orange to proudly show their support of work zone safety."

EB 17-012 NYSDOT 2017 Bridge Inspection Manual (2017 BIM)

The National and State practice for bridge inspection has continuously evolved since the Department's issuance of the 2016 BIM. The 2017 BIM incorporates changes that reflect up-to-date inspection procedure and inspection documentation practices. Additionally, the revised manual updates will ensure a more comprehensive and responsive bridge inspection program that will be consistent with the Department's comprehensive asset management plan.

AGC and Canal Corporation Work Group

A small group met on March 28 to begin the task of reviewing and improving upon General Conditions and other Standards with respect to Canal Corp. operations and upcoming project lettings.

If you would like to participate in these conversations as we work our way through the DOT's standards, please let Karen Morrison know.

New Standard Design-Build and Construction Management At-Risk Contracts to Help Projects Get Better Results

ConsensusDocs, a coalition of 40 design and construction industry associations, announced today that it is publishing updated design-build and Construction Management at-risk standard contracts. Coalition officials noted that the new documents have been reworked to address changes in current business practices since the last time the forms were crafted.

Design-build and construction management at-risk are project delivery methods that continue to grow in importance and market share in today's construction industry, coalition officials noted. Because these now well established methods, in addition to integrated project delivery (IPD), disrupt the traditional project delivery process, usage of the ConsensusDocs standard construction contracts is highest in these alternative project delivery methods, they added. Read more <u>here</u>.

Legislation to Prohibit Government Mandated PLAs Introduced in Congress Contact Your Members of Congress and the President

Sen. Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) and Rep. Dennis Ross (R-Fla.) recently introduced the AGC-supported "Fair and Open





Competition Act" in both the <u>Senate and House of Representatives</u>, respectively. The legislation would prohibit federal contracting agencies from mandating that contractors and unions enter project labor agreements (PLAs) on direct federal projects. In addition, the bills would preserve the right of contractors and unions to voluntarily negotiate and execute project labor agreements on federal projects, if they so choose. AGC is committed to full and open competition for all public projects. <u>Contact your members of Congress</u> and urge them to support passage of the "Fair and Open Competition Act". In addition, <u>send a letter</u> to President Trump urging him to repeal President Obama's Government-Mandated PLA executive order.

House Introduces AGC-Supported Gas Tax Bill

Recently, the top Democrat on the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, Peter DeFazio (Ore), introduced the AGC-supported Investing in America: A Penny for Progress Act, which would provide approximately \$500 billion – a 30 percent increase – in infrastructure investment for federal surface transportation programs. The bill finances these investments by authorizing Invest in America 30-year Treasury bonds, annually, through 2030. The bonds will be repaid through indexing federal gas and diesel taxes to the National Construction Cost Index and reduced motor fuel usage for the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. According to Rep DeFazio's office, the bill is estimated to raise the gas and diesel taxes by approximately 1 cent per year but includes a hard cap of 1.5 cents per year.

While AGC supports Rep DeFazio's legislation, which addresses our surface transportation needs through 2030, we will continue to focus our efforts on providing a permanent solution for the chronic Highway Trust Fund shortfall.

AGC Calls for Review and Rejection of New EEO-1 Report

On March 17, AGC and industry allies <u>called for the Trump administration</u> to review and reject the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's (EEOC) expansion of data reporting in the new EEO-1 form. The EEOC's revisions to the EEO-1 form do not comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act. For example, as a result of EEOC's changes, the EEO-1 form has been expanded from 180 to 3660 data cells. By itself, this exponential increase in the amount of solicited data speaks volumes with regard to the burdensome nature of the new EEO-1 form.

AGC NYS Highway Membership Meetings – Spring Line-up

Members will have the opportunity to hear what's news at the DOT, Canals and Thruway: Region 6 and Region 4 (Next Wednesday, April 12), Regions 8/11 (May 22) and Region 10 (May 23). To register online or for more info, <u>click here</u>.

For Your Information

The NYSSPE in association with ASCE is hosting - Soil Stabilization and Full Depth Reclamation (FDR) with Cementitious Binders, Tuesday April 11, 2017 – noon -1:00 p.m. at Chef's Restaurant in Buffalo, NY. Details on the presentation can be <u>found at this link</u>.

TCC Fly-In and State Funding Workshop

2017 could be the year of infrastructure in Washington, D.C.

President Trump highlighted rebuilding infrastructure during his campaign, again on election night and as part of his inaugural address and already House and Senate Committees have held hearings to highlight infrastructure issues. As we await details about the Trump Infrastructure Initiative, one thing is clear, the construction industry's involvement is vitally important. The 16th Annual Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC) Legislative Fly-In, scheduled for May 17-18, 2017 is well-timed to provide an opportunity for that input.

Join AGC NYS and hundreds of other industry leaders in delivering the construction industry's message on Capitol Hill, Washington D.C. This year's meeting will once again be held again at the Hyatt Regency





Washington at 400 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Make your reservations directly with the Hyatt Regency by calling 1-888-421-1442 or 1-202-737-1234. The room rate is \$329 per night and the registration cut-off date is April 17.

2017 New York State HMA Density Testing Inspector Certification Courses

The AGC NYS-sponsored HMA Density Inspector Certification Program provides qualification of personnel performing density testing on Hot Mix Asphalt in New York State. Certification is required for testing on all NYSDOT and Thruway paving projects and is valid for five years. Technicians must attend a two-day program and successfully pass the written examination. Certificates expire after 5 years; a re-certification exam must then be taken and passed. The course and exams are administered by Alfred State College.

2017 Schedule:

TWO DAY COURSE

□ January 26 - 27, Campbell Hall, N.Y.

- □ March 30 31, Newburgh, N.Y.
- □ April 27 28, Wellsville, N.Y.
- □ May 18 19, Newburgh, N.Y.
- □ August 14 15, Newburgh N.Y.

EXAM ONLY

□ January 27, Campbell Hall, N.Y. □ March 31, Newburgh, N.Y. □ April 28, Wellsville, N.Y. □ May 19, Newburgh, N.Y. □ August 15, Newburgh, N.Y.

For registration and payment info contact:

The Center for Community Education and Training Alfred State College 10 Upper College Drive Alfred, N.Y. 14802 Fax - 607-587-3295 Email – ccet@alfredstate.edu

Safety News

NYC Construction Safety Week is May 1-7

NYC DOB staff will visit construction sites to promote safety during our annual multi-lingual Experience is Not Enough campaign. "Our highest priority is to promote safe worksites and protect the public, a responsibility we take very seriously," says Buildings Commissioner Rick Chandler. "No building is worth a life, and that's a belief every person in the development industry should keep in mind whenever they step onto a construction site."

Build Safe | Live Safe Conference is Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Register here

The NYC DOB Build Safe | Live Safe Conference is a daylong series of seminars, where department experts discuss industry trends and highlight safe construction operations. Potential topics for the 2017 conference include:

Construction Safety - A Review and Analysis CY 2016 and Changes in Construction Rules Special Topics in Construction Safety

Forensic Engineering: Existing Buildings, Alterations and New Construction





Demolition and Site Safety Plan - Minimum Requirements Flood Protection and NYC Gas Work Chapter 17: Special Inspections Cranes, Hoists and Elevators Codes & Regulations Alterations in NYC: Common Pre-Construction, Construction and Inspection Issues

NYC DOB Extends Deadline for Code Revision Committees

There is still time to apply to be a member of the NYC DOB 2017 Construction Codes Revision Committees. The deadline for membership applications has been extended by two more weeks (to April 14, 2017). Volunteers on these committees will help the Department draft revisions to the NYC Construction Codes, which serve to increase safety, savings, and innovation in our buildings and on our construction sites. Send in your completed application to the Department by our new deadline of Friday, April 14, 2017, to be considered for a position on one of these committees. For more information, <u>click here</u>.

Around the State

Brendan was in NYC providing the CM-BIM Exam and in Batavia providing the CM-LEAN Exam.

Karen, Mike and Cathy welcomed about 60 members, DOT, Thruway and Canal Corp. representatives at the Region 2 Highway membership meeting in Utica on March 29.

Joe Hogan was in NYC for a joint task force meeting with the STA (Subcontractors Trade Association), meetings with members, the STA Annual Dinner and meetings with NYU Tandon.

Mike, Walter and several AGC NYS members attended the annual NYRIC reception in Washington, D.C., and met with Members of the Congressional Delegation to advocate for infrastructure investment.

Nearly 100 members and AGC staff gathered in conversation with DOT, Thruway and Canal Corp. staff at the Region 1 Highway membership meeting in Albany.

