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It's going to be "Out of this World" Fun!

Join the AGC Associates Council on Saturday, **April 9, 2016**. This year's theme is Sci-Fi so whether you're a Star Trek or a Star Wars Fan, or maybe you just love space, join us for some out of this world fun!

We will have a variety of activities onboard for your amusement! Bring a guest and enjoy the view, network with your fellow AGC Members, and bid on silent auction gift baskets, before the busy summer season starts.

The Associates Council encourages you to put together a "**Gift Basket**" for the Silent Auction. Go ahead, be creative. Remember, when it's comes to putting together a basket, the sky's not the limit.

SPONSORSHIP: We are still looking for food sponsors for only \$250 and one car sponsor for \$1000. For more information, please contact Kimberley at AGC at 561-5354 or kimberley@agcak.org or Margaret@agcak.org.

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TAXI SERVICE: We are offering Taxi Service to and from the train on Saturday the 9th of April.

If you'd like more information, please contact Kimberley at AGC at 561-5354 or kimberley@agcak.org or Margaret@agcak.org.



MacKinnon, John MacKinnon and I'm here with the gang from our recent AGC Dinner and Casino night and we'd all like to say **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to our amazing dealers, to our fun entertainment, our great volunteers and sponsors and a special thanks to all the attendees who came to the event. Without all of you these fun events just couldn't happen...so again Thank You!

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A portion of the proceeds will go to the AGC Operation Opening Doors (OOD) Program.

(Learn more about the OOD program here:

<http://www.agcak.org/operation-opening-doors.html>)

[Click here to check out the Event Photos and Videos](#) and [Click here to check out the Selfie Photos.](#)

March Legal Tip

Time to Brush Up On the Cargo Preference Act

Shaun C. Kennedy, Esq., Oles Morrison Rinker & Baker LLP

The Federal Highway Administration (the "FHWA") recently issued a memorandum interpreting the requirements of the Cargo Preference Act to apply to all Federal-aid highway programs.

The Cargo Preference Act requires Federal agencies to take appropriate steps to: "Ensure that at least 50 percent of gross tonnage of the equipment, materials, or commodities . . . which may be transported on ocean vessels is transported on privately-owned commercial vessels of the United States."

In the past, the requirements of the Cargo Preference Act excluded federally-financed State procurements. Therefore, contractors were not obligated to abide by the Cargo Preference Act when importing equipment, materials, or commodities for State highway construction projects.

When the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of 2009 was enacted, however, Congress amended the Cargo Preference Act to apply to foreign cargoes financed "in any way with Federal funds for the account of any persons unless otherwise exempted." In December 2015, The FHWA interpreted this provision to expand the application of the Cargo Preference Act to all contractors who perform public works (State, local, or Tribal governments) under the Federal-aid highway program.

Given the broadened application of the Cargo Preference Act, contractors must now consider their options when purchasing equipment, materials, or commodities from foreign sources. As always, a little foresight goes a long way.

Donlin Gold Project Please Comment

The Corps of Engineers recently released the Draft EIS for the proposed **Donlin Gold Project** and we ask that you please consider sending in a letter of support of this project.

You can comment online directly on the Draft EIS to the [US Army Corps of Engineers](#) (click email link) and attach a letter to the email or use the email for your comments.

A good description of the project is at: <http://donlingoldeis.com/ProjectOverview.aspx> or check out the [Alaska Dispatch Opinion Piece by Andrew Guy](#), President and CEO of Calista Corp.

NEWS & EVENTS!

PTAC's 2016 Procurement and Business Conference

The Alaska Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is hosting the Alaska Procurement and Business Trade Fair scheduled for March 9 & 10, 2016 at Pikes Landing in Fairbanks, AK. "Building Strategic Relationships" is our event theme. Vendors and attendees don't miss this opportunity to network and strengthen relationships with the business community.

New this year will be a learning lab that will run for 30 minute sessions to provide hands-on demonstration of procurement tools and products or specific information on contracting issues. Day Two will provide several workshops on selected topics on relevant government contracting issues.

[Click here for Vendor registration \\$75](#) (includes attendance for two with lunch)

[Click here for Attendee registration \\$45](#) (includes lunch)

There is a discounted room rate of \$75 at Pikes Landing if you plan to stay overnight. Reservation has to be by phone: 907-456-4500 ext 0 and state that you are with UAA/PTAC when you book your registration.

Please contact PTAC if you have any questions at 907-786-7201 or info@ptacalaska.org.

Trish please let me know if this is too long. I can edit it down some more if necessary.

TOPCON POCKET 3D GNSS TRAINING CLASS

Mark your calendar to join **GPS Alaska** on **Thursday March 3rd and Friday March 4th** for a **TOPCON POCKET 3D GNSS TRAINING CLASS** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. This is a class designed to familiarize users with Pocket 3D to the fundamentals and workflows necessary for everyday field operation. This is a hands-on class, so you are encouraged to bring your favorite data collector with Pocket 3D and your fully charged GPS system. Held at AGC's Offices. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Improve your Cash Flow with Proper Documentation, Change Orders, Delays, and Inefficiency Claims

Join SDC & Associates, Inc. for their four seminars on **March 14th** at the Hilton Anchorage and get a special AGC discount. [Click here for the flyer](#) and [Click here for a description of what the workshops will cover](#).

Upcoming LUNCH & LEARN Events

Thursday, March 17th - Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed. The preparedness presentation will cover the three basic practices the Red Cross teaches, "Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed." This includes information on preparedness kits, creating an action plan when faced with a disaster, and what outlets to use for information during an emergency. It will also cover proper earthquake safety techniques and how to encourage disaster preparedness for families and communities. This presentation will tie-in home preparedness for your employees and corporate preparedness and how the two benefit each other.

We will also cover the Red Cross Ready Rating Program. It is a free, Web-based, membership program designed to help businesses and organizations become better prepared for emergencies. The program has been recognized by preparedness experts as the much needed, easy to understand and not intimidating solution for helping an organization take the steps to become prepared to respond to and successfully recover from a disaster and other emergency. We know that every business will face some form of disaster at some time. Those businesses who have prepared will be in a much better position to prevent a serious disruption of their operations.

So mark your calendar and join us, network with your fellow AGC members, and have lunch on us. Please RSVP early (*so we know how food much to make*) to margaret@agcak.org. To join in at the Fairbanks office via Video Conferencing RSVP with Trish@agcak.org.

Wednesday, March 30th: ProComm Alaska Lunch & Learn. EATON Wrightline Control Room Applications. What is Containment and why is it an important application to reduce operating costs in the dispatch, data center or process control room. RSVP to Andrea Gilbert agilbert@procommak.com.

Tuesday, April 19th: Liens & Getting Paid with Craig Rusk & Michael Geraghty of [Oles Morrison Rinker and Baker](#).

How to write a SWPPP Class in April

Join us on April 13th from 8:00 to 5:00 pm for a one day course designed to supplement the AK-CESCL (Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead) training by explaining how to properly produce and maintain a SWPPP in compliance with federal, state, and local storm water requirements. This course will describe key elements of the SWPPP. The course will detail the production of the SWPPP from the initial planning and fact gathering phases, to the necessary permitting and BMP, and finally maintenance and termination. The class will include a hands-on SWPPP writing exercise, using real- world examples. Mike Travis of Travis/Peterson Environmental Consulting, Inc. will be the SWPPP Instructor.

Prerequisite: Successful completion of the AK-CESCL class is required.

Who should attend? AK-CESCL trained individuals responsible for putting together or maintaining a SWPPP. Topics covered will include: • A review of pertinent laws and regulations• A review of the SWPPP and its required elements• Necessary data for production of a SWPPP• Resources for the SWPPP author• Permitting requirements• Choosing and using adequate BMPs• Writing the plan• Assembling the SWPPP• DOT, MOA and USACE requirements• Maintaining the SWPPP And here's' the link to the registration form!

<https://form.jotform.com/60536738971971>

NAWIC Casino Night

NAWIC CASINO NIGHT
Saturday, April 16, 2016
Wings of Freedom Hangar
2400 E. 5th Ave. – Merrill Field
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Casino Tables Open at 6:30 pm



Please join The Alaska Chapter of the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) for an exciting evening of blackjack, 3 card poker, roulette and craps for fun while raising money to benefit the University of Alaska Anchorage Construction Management Club through the proceeds of a fabulous silent auction. We are excited to offer delicious food by Peters Creek Catering and live music by local favorite The Hot Club of Nunaka! Tickets are available at www.nawic-ak.org now! We'll see you on Saturday April 16th at the spacious Wings of Freedom hangar at Merrill Field across from Wendy's on 5th Avenue. [Click here for NAWIC Casino Flyer.](#)

FIRESTOP 101

What does the firestopping on your project look like? Join us for a Firestop overview that will include: Why FireStopping is Required; Understanding Firestop Codes and Methods; Avoiding Job Delays; Proper Installation; and How to be Proactive.

Come by the AGC of Alaska Fairbanks office on March 16th from 8:00 to 10:00 am for this 2 hour workshop and earn AIA CEU's: 2 AIA Learning Units. To Register Please Contact Lorraine – Denali Industrial Supply (907) 455-5801 or ap@denali-industrial.com. [Click here for the Firestop 101 Flyer.](#)

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Associate Members Jake Askren & Chris Yelverton of KeyBank deliver a 10 year membership plaque to Cuauhtemoc "Rod" Rodriguez of Coldfoot Environmental Services, Inc.

2015 ANNIVERSARIES

GENERALS

- H. C. CONTRACTORS, INC. - 24
- CRITERION GENERAL, INC. - 19
- DOKOOZIAN CONSTRUCTION, LLC - 10
- TIMBERLINE EXCAVATION, INC. - 9
- CH2M - 6
- DAWSON CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 2
- LEND LEASE PUBLIC PARTERSHIPS, LLC - 1
- DAY NIGHT CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 1

SPECIALTY

- MCKINLEY FENCE CO., INC. OF ALASKA - 57
- EXCEL CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 33
- EDGE SURVEY AND DESIGN, LLC - 27
- DIMOND FENCE CO., INC. - 22
- KETCHIKAN MECHANICAL, INC. - 17
- DAVIS BLOCK & CONCRETE - 17
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- ALCAN ELECTRICAL & ENGINEERING, INC. - 14
- C.L.I. CONSTRUCTION - 11
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- HARRI PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. - 7
- ALASKA DIRECTIONAL, LLC - 1

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- SHERWIN WILLIAMS - 21
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- FREIGHTLINER OF ALASKA - 12
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- AES ELECTRICAL SUPPLY, INC. - 11
- EKLUTNA SERVICES, LLC - 9
- TRIPLE M CONSULTING - 8
- KLONDIKE CONCRETE - 7
- ASSE MIDNIGHT SUN CHAPTER - 7
- DENALI MATERIALS, INC. - 5
- CONSUMER ENERGY ALLIANCE - ALASKA CHAPTER - 2
- AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE - ALASKA CHAPTER - 2
- WESTPAC LOGISTICS LLC - 2
- AMERICAN HEALTH AND SAFETY, LLC - 1
- CHEVROLET, BUICK, GMC OF FAIRBANKS - 1
- ALASKA FITNESS EQUIPMENT - 1

AGCAK Health Benefit Trust Renewal Meetings

Anchorage: Tuesday, March 8th
10:30 AM – 12 Noon

Fairbanks: Wednesday, March 09
10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

These meetings will be held at the AGC offices in both locations. Please RSVP to service@agchealthplansnw.com or by calling toll free (866) 298-8262.



This year's Anchorage Golf Tournament is set for **June 17, 2016** at the Moose Run Golf Course. For more information on registration, available **sponsorships**, or how to **donate a door prize**, please contact **Kimberley** at 907-561-5354 or email kimberley@agcak.org.

The Fairbanks Golf Tournament will be held on **July 15, 2016**. For more information on registration, available **sponsorships**, or how to **donate a door prize**, please contact **Trish** at the Fairbanks office at 907-452-1809 or via email at trish@agcak.org.

Understanding the 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business Development Program eligibility

The Small Business Administration will conduct a FREE workshop about the 8(a) Small Disadvantaged Business Development Program eligibility. Is your business Eligible to participate? What are the requirements? Learn the answers to these questions and more by stopping by the AGC Fairbanks Office on March 17th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Call (907) 474-4878 or Email scott.swingle@sba.gov to registrar. This workshop repeats on April 21, 2016.