

AGC of Alaska NEWSLETTER



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A Note to our AGC Members

Thank you to all the members who have already renewed their membership for 2021! We hope your membership with AGC has proved to be a source of informative guidance as we all worked together to navigate this pandemic. Over the past year, AGC has been advocating for our members non-stop, promoting the industry's value as essential business, and ensuring you have the tools and resources to safely build Alaska. [Click HERE to view AGC's 2020 Annual Report to Members.](#)

There is still time to renew your membership! Contact AGC Membership Director, Clare Kreilkamp, at (907) 865-0544 to pay your 2021 membership dues via phone, or by email at Clare@agcak.org for a link to pay your membership dues online.

Memberships must be in good standing to be included in the printed edition of our 2021 AGC Member Directory. The directory listing inclusion deadline is Friday, February 5th, 2021.

Continued membership in AGC is the best possible way to ensure that your voice is heard in the numerous issues affecting your daily construction-related business activities. If you know of a business that could benefit from the myriad benefits platform offered through membership with AGC, encourage them to join the largest construction trade association in Alaska!

Offer a Member-to-Member Discount in AGC's 2021 Member Directory!

Looking for ways to get your company's name in front of other AGC members? Submit an offer to publish in AGC's Member-to-Member discount section of our annual directory. Members of AGC can promote discounts on a variety of trainings/services/products to other members in our Member Directory. To have your discount included in the 2021 AGC Member Directory, send your offer details to clare@agcak.org by Friday, **February 5, 2021.**



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2021 Wednesday FREE Lunch & Learn Events



February 3: February 3: Cyber Security - Protecting your Business & Your Data - Think it won't happen to you? Think again! Some of our members have come dangerously close to losing their money and their data, others haven't been that lucky. Don't let it happen to your company. Join AGC when we hear from **SA Kevin Hinrichs with the FBI Anchorage office** and **Mike Mason, e-Payment Solutions Product Support Manager for First National Bank Alaska** to learn what you

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can do to protect your data and your company's financial assets.

February 10: Introduction to Government Contracting - New to the arena of government contracting? If yes, then this AGC Lunch & Learn session is a great way to start! In Fiscal Year 2020, the federal government awarded over \$26B in contracts in Alaska. This amount did not just go to prime contractors; it involved subcontractors, vendors, transportation, and all levels of supply chain management. If you have not looked how your company can fit into the federal contracting arena, then you may be missing out. This webinar will introduce you to the world of federal government contracting and will discuss: Join **Jody King, Alaska PTAC Contract Specialist** and find out if the federal government should be your next client.

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February 17: (CLC Event) Employee Engagement with **Paula Bradison, Bradison Management Group**. First it was millennials and then COVID, what is next on our list for learning new tools and adapting? In today's "new normal," managers, superintendents, and business owners are challenged with finding the highest quality employees, maintaining compliance with ever changing mandates, and keeping our employees engaged through the changes. BMG will share our experiences, give you best practices as we know them today, and leave you with resources to keep productivity and compliance working to the benefit of your company and your employees alike.

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U.S. Small Business Administration

Grab a cup a coffee and join us **on Tuesday, February 16th at 9:00 am** for this interactive conversation with Steve Brown, District Director, Jeff Salzer, Deputy District Director and Clark Bihag, Senior Area

Manager in Fairbanks to learn about SBA Second Draw PPP Loan updates and other programs available to aid your business. We encourage you to download your favorite coffee setting background for our Virtual Coffee Talk. Q&A to follow.

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AGC's Inaugural Ice Fishing Tournament Sat., March 27

Birch Lake State Recreation Site
Please join AGC for our first ever Ice Fishing Tournament! [Click HERE](#) for more information.
Due to Covid restrictions, this event will take the place of our 2021 Bowl-A-Thon.

Entrance fee is \$100/fisher. Registration Begins at 9am
| Ice Fishing 10am – 4pm for this Family Friendly event!
[Click HERE to Register](#)

AGC's 2021 *VIRTUAL* Legislative Fly-In February 24-25, 2021

It's that time of year again! It is time for AGC members to make their voices heard in the *virtual* halls of Juneau!

On February 24-25, 2021, AGC will be hosting a virtual Legislative Fly-In via Zoom, where members will get the chance to meet and speak with state legislators, state departments and the Governor's Administration. [Click HERE to Register](#)
[Click HERE](#) to check out the new AGC Advocacy page.



An Interview with our AGC Annual Conference Signature Sponsor & Member of 61 years Marsh & McLennan Agency

Why you are a member?

First and foremost, we appreciate what the AGC brings and means to our construction clients and prospects alike. The training on skills, leadership, diversity & inclusion coupled with the advocacy for the industry on a local and national basis is extremely important for our clients' success. The AGC encourages and experiences top quality participation and involvement at all levels from its staff and members. We find that being involved with the AGC increases our knowledge of the construction industry and the issues facing the contractors. This allows for us to better serve our clients' needs as a risk professional and consultant. Our membership is invaluable. It is an honor to be a part of an organization of this caliber for better than 50 years.

Why is MMA a major sponsor?

Marsh & McLennan Agency provides business insurance, surety and employee health & benefits insurance consulting and placements nationally, regionally and locally to contractors. This sponsorship is a way for us to locally support the construction industry in Alaska. We are proud of our work with our construction clients and this is one of the many ways we give back to the industry.

How did MMA manage to get through this pandemic supporting your clients?

In 2018 we set up all of our employees with docking stations and monitors at their homes. We gave people the flexibility to work from home at least one day a week. In March 2020 when the pandemic caused our office to close, our associates were prepared. Because the transition was seamless, we were able to focus all of our attention on supporting our clients and colleagues. Our colleagues have done a tremendous job making sure we are meeting the needs of our clients during this unprecedented event.

How has your office overcome the challenges of 2020?

We have great leadership throughout the company. The first week of the Pandemic, Marsh McLennan Company's CEO, Dan Glaser, let Marsh's 76,000 employees know there would be no furloughs and no reduction in compensation. This allowed all of our associates to focus on clients and not worry about losing their income. In addition, we have intentional communication, both internal with our colleagues, and external with our partners and clients. We also heavily relied on our technology and innovation in this area.

What do their Clients like about them?

"Marsh is second to none in customer service and are always there to meet our needs. No matter how big or small, they address each concern/question with the utmost importance. They have been a great partner for many years, always looking out for our best interests. Their attention to detail and fulfilling our needs is invaluable to us at Alcan"

~ Chrys Fleming, Alcan Electrical & Engineering, Inc.

"Marsh & McLennan Agency provides excellent service for both our bonding and insurance needs. For us, it is their people that make the difference. They are always there to take a phone call or a meeting (virtually these days) and to help us find the solution to even our most difficult request. Drake Construction's goal is to put the customer first and provide quality on the jobsite. We value our relationship with Marsh & McLennan because their people operate the same way....with dedication, integrity, and commitment. "

~~ Toby Drake, Drake Construction

"Marsh is prompt as well as personable and I trust relying on them for all of my business insurance needs."

~~ Ben Campbell, Campbell Painting

"Bilista Holding LLC values the strong personal and professional relationships between Marsh and our construction and environmental subsidiaries. Marsh takes the time to know our business leaders and understands our vision and strategy for strong growth. Marsh assembled experienced surety and casualty teaming partners that support our mission of delivering quality projects on time and on budget by a group of highly experience and reputable construction companies."

~~ Sam Brice, Brice Construction



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Resources regarding Coronavirus pandemic and the availability of COVID-19 vaccines

In response to the present situation regarding the Coronavirus pandemic and the availability of COVID-19 vaccines, AGC of America (AGC) has recently produced several resources to assist member firms as they consider any vaccine policies.

The following resources were developed by AGC and Fisher Phillips, one of the country’s largest labor and employment law firms dedicated to representing employers, and are FREE to AGC members:

“[Sticking Points: What Construction Employers Need To Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)” WebEd playback
“[Vaccination Q&As for Construction Employers](#)” document

These resources are provided to inform AGC members about their rights and obligations under federal law so that they can make well-informed decisions when adopting employment policies and practices related to COVID-19 and other vaccinations. They are not intended to signify that AGC recommends employer vaccination mandates. AGC opposes government mandates requiring construction firms to require employee vaccination and supports construction firms’ freedom to choose the best approach for their individual businesses and workforces.

For additional AGC-provided resources on other coronavirus-related matters of significance, visit [AGC’s coronavirus website](#). For more information, please feel free to contact Claiborne Guy at claiborne.guy@agc.org or 703-837-5382.

President Biden’s New Directions for Government Contracting

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February 11, 2021 • Webinar

Starts: 12:00 PM (PT) / 3:00 PM (ET) - Ends: 1:15 PM (PT) / 4:15 PM (ET)

Whenever a new administration comes in, especially if it is of a different political party, new contracting directions and emphasis will occur. Which of the Trump administration contracting policies will remain, be strengthened, or eliminated by the Biden Administration, and what will replace them?

This webinar will focus on the likely, the probable, and the certain changes to occur – especially in:

- Labor and Employment,
- Small Business,
- Buy American,
- Cyber security,
- Infrastructure, and
- The “Beyond Apollo” Research and Development Plan.

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Construction Spending Forecast

Produced annually, this economic report reviews construction activity, projects, and spending by both the private and public sectors for the upcoming year.

To view the recording, the Construction Spending Forecast, the Forecast Presentation Slides or the Economic Benefits of the Construction Industry in Alaska, [click HERE!](#)



The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) is now taking applications for FY21 STIC Innovation Incentive projects.

What is the STIC?

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) Incentive program provides resources to help foster a culture of innovation and make innovations standard practice. Through the program, funding up to \$100,000 per State per Federal fiscal year is made available to support or offset the costs of standardizing innovative practices. Incentive funding for eligible projects is for the Federal share of 80 percent, limited to \$100,000 per State each year. The full \$100,000 STIC award would require \$25,000 in matching funds.

The required 20 percent non-Federal match may come from project sponsors or other allowable fund sources. The program is administered by FHWA's Center for Accelerating Innovation. [Click HERE for more information.](#)

- **Applications are due by March 16, 2021** and may be emailed to: gwen.mayo@alaska.gov
- For application or eligibility questions contact: david.waldo@alaska.gov or (907) 451-5323
- STIC application: [applications](#)

Supporting Information: FHWA STIC fact sheet and Alaska STIC Charter available at:

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/guidance.cfm> & <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/stic/charters/ak.pdf>

IMPORTANT

The next Regular Municipal Election will be on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. This is an important election where you have the opportunity to vote for candidates for:

**Anchorage Mayor &
Anchorage School Board**

Get Informed!

Information on the candidates and ballot propositions are at: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Pages/BallotInfo.aspx>

Options to Vote: <http://www.muni.org/Departments/Assembly/Clerk/Elections/Pages/VoterInfo.aspx>


Register to Vote

The last day to register to vote or update your voter registration is on **Sunday, March 7, 2021**, 30 days before the next regular or special municipal election. It is important for your address information in the voter registration database to be current.

To review your registration information, visit myvoterinformation.alaska.gov.

To register to vote, or to update your voter registration information, visit voterregistration.alaska.gov.

Pass this important reminder on to your employees and friends!



Mark your calendars! It's time for the first virtual DBE & Subcontractors Conference!


ALASKA DBE & SUBCONTRACTORS' CONFERENCE

Join us via our Zoom Meeting!

Join Here!

Join us live, via Zoom on:

- Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 9:00AM - 12:00PM (AKT)
- Thursday, March 4, 2021 from 9:00AM - 12:00PM (AKT)
- Tuesday, March 9, 2021 from 9:00AM - 12:00PM (AKT)
- Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 9:00AM - 12:00PM (AKT)



AGC of America Podcast: How COVID-19 Is Transforming Construction Jobsites

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AGC AK-CESCL Virtual with the Assistance of UAA CM Student Lucas Sosa



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That's right! AGC is conducting virtual [AK-CESCL](#) courses via Zoom.

Please join us in thanking UAA Construction Management Student Lucas Sosa for volunteering to assist the AK-CESCL instructor during our [February 1st scheduled course](#). So that the AK-CESCL instructor may focus on presenting class material, Lucas will assist with monitoring the waiting room, chat box, inquiries, technical needs, breaks, and more.

Lucas is a senior in the [Construction Management program at UAA](#). He is a born and raised Alaskan and has been around construction most of his life. Lucas has owned and operated a commercial/residential property management and remodel business for seven years. He is currently participating in his third [Associated Schools of Construction Heavy Civil Student Competition](#). Lucas will be graduating in the Fall of 2021 and is excited to use the knowledge and experience he's ascertained to benefit his future employer.

[Click HERE for the 2021 AK-CESCL 2-Day Initial Course Schedule.](#)

[Click HERE for the 2021 AK-CESCL 1-Day Refresher Course Schedule.](#)

Reminder – The AGC Board of Directors Orientation is This Friday!

Friendly reminder for our [Board of Directors](#). We invite you to a Board of Directors Orientation this Friday, February 5th, 1:30 – 3:00. If you didn't receive an invite or have any questions, contact Thea Scalise at Thea@agcak.org or 907-865-0549. AGC's Board of Directors is made up of good-standing members who support AGC's mission and goals and devote their time, effort and wherewithal to AGC business. This responsibility includes service to the board, attending board meetings, and active participation on chapter committees, the lifeblood of our organization.

We are honored by the wealth of knowledge, professionalism and dedication presented by our Board of Directors. If you're interested in what is expected of our Board of Directors, the orientation will be recorded made available for membership. For more information about getting involved with AGC's Board of Directors, [click HERE](#).

Strengthen your Workforce with UAA Construction Management Students

[YOUR EMPLOYEE IS HERE!](#) Do you miss our annual in-person speed interview job fair? We do too... But this new virtual world won't stop AGC's Construction Leadership Council (CLC) and Education, Training, and Workforce Development Committee (ETWD) from working with UAA CM Students to connect you with the employees or interns you're looking for! Quickly get to know the students by checking out the brief video recorded interviews and short one page resumes designed specifically for your convenience with the help of the CLC and ETWD.

The [UAA Construction Management Program](#) prepares students to work as entry-level managers in the construction industry. Managers help control construction costs and schedules; administer contracts; determine construction means and methods; and manage people, material, and equipment while ensuring compliance with design criteria and safety standards. So, what are you waiting for???

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