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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 where you'll see in detail how AGC pivoted our everyday efforts to address COVID-related issues facing our members, while continuing to provide an array of benefits that enhance our member's productivity, people and performance. We will continue to update our members on a consistent basis with information on ways to get involved with our organization in the year ahead, and are committed to providing our members with detailed updates as they relate to COVID-19 and Alaska's essential construction industry.

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! The more members involved with our organization, the louder our collective voice is.

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



Click HERE to Check out the AGC of America Podcast Series



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2021 Wednesday Lunch & Learn Events

January 6: The Importance of Ergonomics in the Time of Covid – The Home Office - In 2020 and 2021, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, more people are working from home than ever. We are finding, as employers, as workers, as family members, that some jobs translate quite well into a home setting, while others, not so much. Ergonomics is the science of safe, healthy placement of the human body in a work space, to reduce injury, including strains, aches, pain and injury.

Elisa Hitchcock, Ergonomics Specialist & Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS) at Gray Ergonomics, will address what a good ergonomic home workspace looks like, as well as answer your questions on various types of work areas, including how we can do Ergo Evals via Zoom.

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January 13: Buy American Act - If your company is engaged in government contracting, then you have seen The Buy American Act, which requires Federal Agencies to procure domestic materials and products. This seems like a simple statement; however when you factor allowances of materials and products from countries that have a trade agreement with the United States, then it broadens the potential vendor market but also adds more confusion to the requirement.

Join us for this AGC Lunch and Learn series to gain a better understanding of The Buy American Act. Presented by Jody King, Alaska PTAC Contract Specialist. This webinar will discuss:

- FAR and DFAR clauses that incorporate Buy American requirements in federal procurement US Trade Agreements in relationship to the Buy American related FAR clauses.
- The Buy American Act a look at the act itself

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January 20: AASHTOWare Project: A New Year and A New Way to Submit Certified Payroll for DOT&PF projects
Please join us to learn more about submitting certified payroll for DOT&PF projects in AASHTOWare Project. We will share the benefits of using AASHTOWare to submit Certified Payroll, what you can expect to see in the new system, how you can be prepared, and where to find resources to learn more.

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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:

- The differences between commercial and government contracts learning a new language
- What is required to obtain federal contracts registrations and certifications
- Where to find the government solicitations introduction to contracting market research
- What are the next steps needed start pursuing government contracts there are resources to help!

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.

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If you'd like to sponsor one of these Lunch & Learn sessions, please contact <u>Kimberley@agcak.org</u>. At \$250 per lunch, your logo will be displayed on the weblink registration page and on additional emails advertising the event.



Construction Spending Forecast Virtual Presentation

Plan to join us via Zoom on Thursday, January 28 starting at 10:00 am to hear this year's Spending Forecast Virtual Presentation. <u>Click HERE</u> to Register or contact <u>Margaret@agcak.org</u> for more info. Presented by McKinley Research Group, CIPF and AGC.

AGC/Procore Project Manager Development Program—Virtual Course

Project Manager Development Program Overview

AGC's Project Manager Development Program (PMDP) is a construction-specific training curriculum developed, updated, and field-tested by and for contractors. The five-course program covers the essentials of project management for emerging project managers and provides a solid foundation for long-term career development.

When: 1:00 pm to 5:00pm, every Tuesday and Thursday, beginning January 5th and ending February 4th.

Where: This class will be hosted online by Procore via Zoom video conferencing. Limited Seating.

Cost: \$1045 for AGC Members | \$1445 for Non-Member

(Fee does NOT include the 5 textbooks at \$50 each in digital format.)

Click below on the title to purchase the book from Amazon for the Unit: (Total for all 5 books: \$250)

- * Unit 1: Introduction to Project Management
 - * Unit 2: Initiating and Planning, Part 1
 * Unit 3: Initiating and Planning, Part 2
 - * Unit 4: Executing
- * Unit 5: Monitoring and Controlling, and Project Closeout



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Invest in Your Future Workforce by Donating to the UAA CM ASC Student Competition Team!

Contact Kris Jensen at kjensen@colaska.com or cell (907) 947-6061 to discuss donation opportunities such as Bluebeam Revu Standard at \$349 each for 3 computers that the ASC team owns, and more! The ASC is the professional association for the development and advancement of construction education, where the sharing of ideas and knowledge inspires, guides and promotes excellence in curricula, teaching, research and service.



SBA Extends COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Application Deadline through Dec. 31, 2021

WASHINGTON— The <u>U.S. Small Business Administration</u> today announced apply for the <u>Economic Injury Disaster Loan</u> (<u>EIDL</u>) program for the COVID-19 Pandemic disaster declaration is extended to Dec. 31, 2021. The deadline extension comes as a result of the recent bipartisan COVID-19 relief bill passed by Congress and enacted by President Trump on Dec. 27, 2020.

To date, the SBA has approved \$197 billion in low-interest loans which provides working capital funds to small businesses, non-profits and agricultural businesses make it through this challenging time.

"Following the President's declaration of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the SBA has approved over 3.6 million loans through our Economic Injury Disaster Loan program nationwide," Administrator Jovita Carranza said. "The EIDL program has assisted millions of small businesses, including non-profit organizations, sole proprietors and independent contractors, from a wide array of industries and business sectors, to survive this very difficult economic environment."

EIDL loan applications will continue to be accepted through December 2021, pending the availability of funds. Loans are offered at very affordable terms, with a 3.75% interest rate for small businesses and 2.75% interest rate for nonprofit organizations, a 30-year maturity, and an automatic deferment of one year before monthly payments begin. Every eligible small business and nonprofit are encouraged to apply to get the resources they need.

THANKS for your support in 2020

As 2020 ends AGC would like to thank the many sponsors, committee members, and volunteers who have supported our efforts & events throughout the past year. It has been a trying year, with challenges for us all, but with your help, we have accomplished a great deal on behalf of the construction industry. We would appreciate your continued efforts and support in 2021!

For those who sponsored one or more of our events, please think about putting a note early in your budget to again be a sponsor in 2021. If you would like to talk about putting together an annual "Sponsorship Package" please contact Kimberley via email Kimberley@agcak.org or by phone to 865-0543.

National AGC Safety Award (NASA) Program



The National AGC Safety Award (NASA) Program is an ongoing annual effort that offers AGC contractor members an opportunity to compare their safety

records with other AGC contractors that perform similar construction and are of similar size. Please click here to download the participation form as a fillable pdf. For more information, please contact Kimberley at Kimberley@agcak.org or 907-865-0543. Completed forms can be emailed to Kimberley@agcak.org or faxed to: 907-562-6118. Deadline is February 10th, 2021.



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Federal Contractor Members

Your guidance is requested!

With the deadline of 2:00 Friday January 29, the Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the construction community addressing the potential use of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on Project JBE054 Extend Runway 16/34 and Construct two Supporting Taxiways, JBER. They are soliciting information on historical use of PLAs in Alaska. Any interested party (contractors, project owners, contractor associations, labor unions, construction management firms, etc.) may respond. Send your comments to Thea@agcak.org for AGC to consider for their submission to the USACE. Also, submit your comments directly to the USACE: Special Notice for Market Research for Use of a Project Labor Agreement on Alaska District Corps of Engineers Project JBE054 Extend Runway 16/34 and Construct two Supporting Taxiways, JBER, Alaska.

AGC's Scholarship Application is Open!

The AGC Scholarship Program is designed to encourage students to pursue a career in the construction industry or a related field such as accounting, insurance & bonding or human resources. Scholarship awards are limited to individuals who plan to live and work in Alaska. Scholarship applications must be submitted no later than 11:59pm March 31st, 2021. All applicants will be advised of the decision in writing by April 30, 2021.

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