AGC of Alaska NEWSLETTER





Check out the AGC of Alaska Podcast Series



AGC Fairbanks Golf Tournament

The AGC of Alaska Fairbanks Golf Tournament is the premier event of the season!

It is the largest in town and one of the best investments as a portion of the proceeds go toward the next years' round of AGC Scholarship recipients and funding the AGC of Alaska student chapters! This tournament has continued to grow, and we are humbled by the outpouring of support from our members and the construction community.

SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, & SWAG ARE STILL NEEDED! Click here to sponsor or for more information.

For more information about volunteer opportunities, donations, sponsorship opportunities, or to be added to the teams waitlist please email Brittany@agcak.org

Fairbanks Golf Rules and Information | Fairbanks Golf Safety Plan

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AGC Sporting Clays Shoot

Friday, Aug. 7, Birchwood Recreation & Shooting Park Registration: 9:00 am | Shotgun Start: 10:00 am





Special points of interest

- <u>Click here</u> to check out the AGC Online Calendar for updated information on Events & Training.
- If you have news or an event you'd like to share with other AGC members, contact <u>Kimberley@agcak.org</u>.







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OneALASKA is an organization formed to oppose the upcoming oil tax ballot measure, Ballot Measure 1. It's a broad and diverse coalition of small business owners, Alaska Native corporations, labor unions, chambers of commerce and trade

organizations, including AGC, concerned about jobs and Alaska's future. The Alaska Department of Law says that Ballot Measure 1 is unclear and badly written. Please sign up today, both your company and/or as an individual and show support for OneALASKA. Let OneALASKA know if you have a group of employees that would benefit from hearing the facts on this important issue. For more information, visit OneALASKA.com.

DOL Apprenticeship Grant

Is your company interested in employing highly-skilled employees? Reducing employee turnover rates? Increasing safety in the workplace? Have you thought about participating in an apprenticeship program to meet your company's employment needs? The benefits of registered apprenticeship are open to all employers, small or large, independent or affiliated.

The Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development (DOLWD) received a federal grant to increase the participation in Registered Apprenticeship of employers and of job seekers in construction occupations. If your company has construction jobs to fill or has building maintenance requirements, participating in a Registered Apprenticeship (RA) program to create high-skilled employees may just meet your needs.

Benefits and rewards in participating in a RA program are many, including less employee turnover, increased productivity, and the ability to plan for future workforce needs. Companies that have had their apprenticeship program registered by the U.S. Department of Labor, may be eligible to receive partial reimbursement for the time spent training/mentoring an apprentice. New apprentices may be able to receive assistance with the costs of apprenticeship, such as related technical instruction, licenses, and

If you would like more information or assistance to sign up to participate, please email the DOL at apprenticeship@alaska.gov or call Anne Velardi at 269-3562.

In Memoriam—George Tuckness

AGC lost a highly admired Past President & Life Board Member on June 8, 2020, when George Tuckness passed away after an extended battle with cancer. George was President of the Alaska AGC chapter in 2011 and an active member of the AGC Golf & Sporting Clays Committees, as well a regular at AGC events. He was a pleasure to work with, generous with his time and resources, and a great mentor to others. He will be greatly missed. The AGC extends its deepest sympathies to George's family, friends, & the Neeser Construction team.

2020 AGC Construction Safety, Health and Environmental *Virtual* Conference

July 14 – 16, 2020

AGC's **Construction Safety, Health & Environmental Conference** provides a forum for hundreds of construction professionals to stay connected and learn from their peers and industry experts. During these challenging times, AGC is excited to be able to provide attendees with a safe, online environment to continue this tradition. A great line-up of speakers awaits with tools and tips to help you manage your top issues effectively. With the virtual format, you do not have to pick and choose—you can view all the sessions.

Here's a highlight of the 2020 keynote speakers:

- Crucial Conversations; Ashley Dittmar-Galassi, VitalSmarts
- Mental Health & Wellbeing: How to Communicate in a Crisis; Cal Beyer, CSDZ
 - Quanta's New Approach to Safety; Barbara Cristinziani, Quanta Services

Browse the full lineup of **sessions** for this year and **register today**.

New ConstructorCast episode on the \$1.5 trillion infrastructure bill



Our country is in desperate need of significant infrastructure investments. Tell Congress and President Trump to advance the \$1.5 trillion infrastructure bill! The Moving Forward Act (H.R. 2) provides resources to build roads and bridges, public transit, airports, schools, hospitals, affordable housing, water infrastructure, locks, dams, levees and more. With 1,187,000 construction workers unemployed, and an increasing number of construction firms reporting cancelled or delayed projects, our elected leaders must act now to protect existing -- and create new -- construction jobs!

In this episode, AGC's VP of Gov't Relations Jimmy Christianson lays out how the proposed House infrastructure package would provide needed investments in a broad range of aging infrastructure and support economic recovery by promoting demand for new construction careers, equipment and materials. **Listen** to find out how you can tell Congress and President Trump to enact the "Moving Forward Act" to combat the threat of more project delays and worker layoffs.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS of the ANCHORAGE 33rd ANNUAL AGC INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT!

1st Place—Acme Fence Company
Mark Lulay
Zach Lee
Alex Wiita
Joe Fey
Brian Horschel

2nd Place—KLEBS Mechanical, Inc.
George Collum
Heath Martin
Savannah Martin
Rob Nelson
Rick Boyles

3rd Place – Quality Asphalt Paving
Daron Underwood
Zach Volmer
Peyton Briggs
Larry Schmidt
Todd Porter

Thanks to all the golfers, sponsors, companies and individuals who donated door prizes, and our volunteers who made this year's tournament a success! <u>Click</u> here for the full list of sponsors & winners.

USACE Construction Quality Management (CQM) Update

HQUSACE Construction Branch supports granting contractor QC Managers who were in possession of valid CQM certificates (i.e. not delinquent on the 5 year course renewal requirement) as of 01-Mar-2020 with a grace period for obtaining the CQM renewal training of 6-months from the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and USACE being able to provide face to face CQM training. For example, if a QC Manager has a certificate that was set to expire on 15-Apr-2020, COVID-19 restrictions are lifted on 01-Jul-2020, the CQM certificate would remain valid until 01-Jan-2022. If a QC Manager has a certificate that expired on 15-Feb-2020, that certificate would be expired and the QC Manager would not meet the requirement for possessing a valid CQM certificate.

HQUSACE Construction Branch also acknowledges that USACE may not be able to provide CQM training to contractors during the pandemic. For contractor personnel who otherwise fulfill all requirements for designation as a QC Manager but have not had the opportunity to obtain a CQM certificate as a result of pandemic restrictions, HQUSACE supports government personnel tentatively accepting the proposed personnel until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. Once the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted and USACE is able to provide face to face CQM training, the proposed personnel would have 120 days to obtain the CQM certificate.

HQUSACE Construction Branch DOES NOT support constructive suspensions of work, letters of concern, cure notices, or removal of personnel due to contractor inability to obtain CQM certification and/or recertification due to restrictions resulting from COVID-19.

As some of you may be aware, we are currently updating the CQM training and associated guidance for the CQM requirement that we plan to publish by the end of this summer. In the interim and due to COVID-19 restrictions, several districts have proactively taken it upon themselves to reformat the course and provide it in a virtual format to contractors. While virtual versions of the course are not currently recommended, until the updated training and guidance is issued, HQUSACE Construction Branch DOES recognize certificates issued as a result of virtual training by a certified instructor as valid. You can find listings of CQM training opportunities by visiting the ULC website for CQM: https://ulc.usace.army.mil/CQMLinks Grid v2.aspx

Conference Corner

AGC of Alaska Hard Hat Award Nomination Form

The Hard Hat Award is AGC of Alaska's most prestigious award and was originally established by the Chapter to recognize an individual who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the Alaska construction industry. This award, now in its 56th year, will be given out at the annual AGC conference in November.

Nominations should be sent to the AGC Anchorage office at 8005 Schoon St., Anchorage, Alaska 99518, or faxed to (907) 562-6118 and received no later than <u>July 24, 2020</u>. Click here for the registration form. Check your AGC Membership Roster for a listing of previous Hard Hat Winners. For more information, please contact **Kimberley Gray** at 561-5354 or <u>Kimberley@agack.org</u>.

AGC of AK "Excellence in Safety" & "Excellence in Construction" Award Applications Now Online

The <u>Parker, Smith & Feek "Excellence in Construction"</u> and the <u>ConocoPhillips "Excellence in Safety"</u>
Award applications are now available on the AGC of Alaska website. Click on the award name to download the forms. <u>Deadline</u> for the Excellence in Construction and Excellence in Safety forms are <u>Wednesday, Sept. 23</u>, Please contact <u>kimberley@agcak.org</u> with any questions.

Cornerstone General Contractors Receives Governor's Safety Award of Excellence for Nineth Consecutive Year

For the ninth consecutive year, Cornerstone General Contractors (Cornerstone) has been awarded the Alaska Governor's Safety Award of Excellence. The Governor's Safety Award of Excellence is presented to organizations that demonstrate distinction in protecting the safety and health of their personnel, the environment, company assets, and reputation. The Award also recognizes companies that demonstrate and promote corporate citizenship excellence.

Over the past ten years, Cornerstone has taken its safety program to a new level. Cornerstone has been a strong participant in the Alaska OSHA CHASE program for over five years and became a CHASE GOLD partner in 2018. Throughout this process, Cornerstone has advanced to the point that it exceeds all regulatory requirements for its safety program and has become a mentor and coach for its subcontractors as well as for competitors in the industry. The diverse background and experience of Cornerstone's Safety Team allows them to bring different perspectives to their work. Whether doing jobsite walkthroughs, planning a project specific safety plan, or expanding company safety and environmental programs and initiatives, Cornerstone's collaborative approach has resulted in a superior record.

In March 2020, Cornerstone became the first general contractor in the country to win first place in the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America Safety Excellence Awards for two consecutive years. Our Safety Manager and Senior Project Manager represented the Cornerstone, presenting and competing at the AGC of America National Conference in Las Vegas.

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