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The Key Role of Construction in Each State's Economy



AGC has compiled data on the role of the construction in the economy and employment in the United States, each state and major metro areas.
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What To Do When an Employee Spends Too Much Time on Their Cell Phone

Cell phones are driving many of us to distraction—and taking a toll on productivity in the workplace. Nineteen percent of employers think their workers are productive for less than five hours a day, and more than half believe that [cell phones are to blame](#). [Read more HERE](#)

How to Read and Understand Blue Prints

Tuesdays January 15th, 22nd, & 29th and February 5th

West Texas AGC – Abilene 5:30 – 7:00 PM

A four week course will be offered by West Texas AGC (for members only) to cover blueprint reading as a foundation skill in construction for all trades in the industry. Whether you are in the field or office, having the ability to read blueprints and understand the correlation between the varying drawings and specifications is essential to progressing in your area of expertise. Register by January 9th. Flyer attached with more information.

"The road to success is always under construction." - Lily Tomlin

Safety Tips

Be Prepared to Protect Workers from Winter Weather-Related Hazards

As outdoor temperatures drop and winter storms approach, employers should take measures to keep their workers safe. OSHA's [Winter Weather webpage](#) provides information on protecting workers from hazards while working outside during severe cold and snow storms. This guidance includes information on staying safe while clearing snow from walkways and rooftops.

For *Cold Weather Tips for Operating Equipment* see attached flyer.

West Texas AGC Membership Required for access to Planroom

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Assured Electrical Equipment Grounding Conductor Program 1st Quarter 2019 – WHITE – *Flyer attached*

ELECTRIC SAFETY ON CONSTRUCTION SITES – *Tool Box Topics attached*

Assured Grounding Programs and Ground Fault Circuit Interrupters

Electric shock, and too often fatalities, occur on construction jobsites when temporary power systems are in use. All construction workers who operate power tools should receive training in the systems which safeguard them from electrical hazards.

OSHA's Final Rule to Protect Workers from Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica

February 27, 2019 | 1:00 – 2:00 CST • **AGC FREE Webinar sponsored by ClickSafety**

To Register and more information click: [webinar](#) that will cover:

- Respirable Crystalline Silica's Definition and Associated Health Hazards
- Principal Elements of 2 OSHA Standards to Protect Workers from Exposure to
- Respirable Crystalline Silica: one for Construction (29 CFR 1926.1153), and one for General Industry / Maritime (29 CFR 1910.1053)
- Types of Required Control Measures and Respiratory Protection for Respirable Crystalline Silica and more.

As we start the New Year, Welcome our **NEWEST MEMBERS**

Joining West Texas AGC in the 4th Quarter of 2018

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| Earsight Design | Abilene |
| ESC Consultants, Inc. | San Antonio / Lubbock |
| LBK Roofing | Lubbock |
| Lonestar Saw & Seal, LLC | Lubbock |
| MUDco Ready- Mix, LLC | Lubbock |
| SCS Door Systems, Inc. | Midland |
| Wilson Civil Contractors | Amarillo / Odessa |
| Wilson Contracting | Wichita Falls |

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Highlight and advertise your company in the 2019 printed directory – for more information call 325.676.7447

Construction Supervision Fundamentals - Instructor Webinar

January 30, 2019 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm ET [Register HERE](#)

AGC Member Price: Free

In response to the construction industry's shortage of skilled front-line supervisors, AGC of America has developed the new Construction Supervision Fundamentals course providing front-line management with a path to develop the knowledge and skills to boost communication, teamwork and operational skills that improve organizational project performance.

This **webinar** is designed to prepare new instructors to teach this three day, 25-hour course that has been designed for brand new supervisors and consists of nine highly interactive classroom sessions. Course developers will discuss course activities and provide guidance to prepare instructors to teach the course.

Registration Now Open for the 2019 AGC Annual Convention



Join leading contractors from across the country for the 2019 AGC Annual Convention happening April 1-4, 2019, in Denver. This is where successful general and specialty contractors develop the business intelligence, industry insights and key connections to help their companies thrive.

[Learn More...](#)

Contractors Remain Confident About Demand, Worried About Labor Supply: The 2019 Construction Hiring and Business Outlook Report

Survey results were released January 2nd by the Associated General Contractors of America and Sage Construction and Real Estate.

The Outlook was based on survey results from over 1,300 firms from 49 states and the District of Columbia. Varying numbers responded to each question. Contractors of every size answered over 20 questions about their hiring, workforce, business and information technology plans. [Click here for the full report and survey results. For Texas State specific results click here.](#)

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