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How to Read and Understand Blue Prints

Tuesday Evenings: Beginning January 15th

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 11th. Course Description Flyer attached.

A look at current tax reform & the road ahead

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA) introduced sweeping legislation to reform the Internal Revenue Code. Effective Jan. 1, 2018, the act greatly affects how both individuals and businesses plan and structure their entities, taxes and business dealings. **Construction businesses in particular need to be aware of potential opportunities and pitfalls that directly result from the act.** Read more [click HERE](#).

Design-build delivery is setting new parameters for project management

More owners and developers are latching onto design-build as a preferred delivery method for projects large and small. And a new paper from FMI, the construction management consultant and investment banking firm, outlines how AEC firms and their clients that enter into such contracts are avoiding stress points that often bog down construction. FMI singles out a number of steps for winning design-build projects:

- Build a compelling story about why your firm is right for the project
- Build a go-to-market strategy that defines customers before an RFP hits the street
- Think like a customer
- Find out what the customer wants and why it's important.
- Put your time where your strategy is. Build in organizational capacity that's centered on a key focus, such as spending time with customers in advance. Read complete article [click HERE](#).

Safety Tips

Forklift Safety is for Everyone

✓ Forklift Safety Pre-Checklist

Many trades and construction projects along with material suppliers require the operation of forklifts. Employee shall be certified with the knowledge of proper use prior to operating forklifts of specific capacities. Equipment shall also be checked regularly for maintenance and safe operating. The **attached pre-checklist** should be performed on each individual forklift and kept on file. Use the **attached safety sheet** to highlight **Forklift Safety** for all your employees working with and around this equipment.

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Learn More About the 2019 Construction Hiring & Business Outlook During WebEd

Wednesday, January 22, 2019 at 1:00 PM CST

What market segments will be hot in 2019? How bad is the worker shortage? To what extent are contractors turning to training and technology to cope? Hear the answers contractors gave to these and other questions in the 2019 AGC of America-Sage Hiring and Business Outlook Survey, along with the steps AGC of America is taking to help. In this lively one-hour WebEd, you'll hear from AGC CEO Steve Sandherr, Chief Economist Ken Simonson, and VP of Communications and Strategic Initiatives Brian Turmail, and you'll get pose your own questions. Register [here](#).

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.

New AGC ConstructorCast: "Lean Construction"

Lean Construction is the holistic pursuit of culture change working toward continuous improvements aimed at minimizing waste and maximizing value on construction projects. In the latest AGC ConstructorCast, learn more about implementing Lean in construction processes, how to contract for Lean and what an owner is interested in when discussing Lean for projects. [LISTEN NOW](#)

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.

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