



WEST TEXAS CHAPTER

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News & Quick Links

End the Shutdown & Secure Our Border Act – Your Action Requested

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) is calling on you to [urge Congress to end the partial government shutdown](#) - the longest now on record.

- **Taking action is easy!** Simply [submit this pre-written message as is to your U.S. Senators](#) by clicking "Send Message" at the site or customize it with personal information on how this issue impacts you and your company. *Continued page 2.*

2019 WEST TEXAS AGC SCHOLARSHIP – Applications Available

Due Date is March 31, 2019 | Scholarship Application Form is online at [wtagc.org](#)

Academic Scholarships are now available for graduating seniors, current college undergraduates or others who will pursue post graduate work at a technical trades school, with all pursuing degrees in a construction related field. We encourage our members to forward this information and to encourage students to consider programs that may be applicable to the student's goals and pursuit of a construction career.

Multiple revenue streams needed to succeed in construction

In the new age of construction, it is no longer profitable to simply wait for calls from long-standing customers, George Hedley writes. To win in today's construction industry, businesses must create and tap into a target customer list and develop multiple streams of revenue. [Click HERE for more about a NEW GAME PLAN](#)

- *A diverse business plan should include at least two or three types of revenue streams with multiple types of projects and customers.*

SAVE THE DATE

2019 West Texas AGC Scholarship Golf Tournament

April 26th – Lunch with a 1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Registration & Sponsorship Forms to follow soon!

Rawls Golf Course – Lubbock, TX

Can you name the golfers in the picture? Send to abilene@wtagc.org



Safety Tips

Tool Box Talk – Fall Protection Quiz

On Page 2 of this newsletter you will find links to new Fall Protection Resources in many training formats; Tool Box Talks, Videos, Fact Sheets, and Training Guides. Our attachment today provides a 'Quiz' to challenge your employees or verify, they've GOT IT!

Falls can be prevented if employers plan to ensure the job is done safely; provide the right equipment; and train workers to use the equipment safely. Fall Protection is important in nearly every trade in the commercial construction, highway, and heavy industrial industry, please do your part!

West Texas AGC Membership Required for access to Planroom

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OSHA Promotes Fall Protection Resources

With falls leading OSHA's top 10 list of violations year after year, the agency is bolstering its efforts to increase awareness about its fall prevention resources. The agency has developed a collection of compliance assistance resources to address falls in the workplace.

One resource is the agency's [fall prevention training guide](#), which provides a lesson plan for employers including several toolbox talks. Fact sheets on [ladders](#) and [scaffolding](#) provide guidance on the safe use of these types of equipment while performing construction activities.

The sixth annual [National Safety Stand-Down to Prevent Falls in Construction](#) will be held **May 6-10, 2019**. The week-long outreach event encourages employers and workers to pause during the workday to discuss fall hazards and how to prevent them. **We encourage West Texas AGC members to SAVE THE DATE and plan on a safety event the week of May 6-10 2019.**

In addition, OSHA's [series of fall safety videos](#) show how to prevent construction-related fall hazards from floor openings, skylights, fixed scaffolds, bridge decking, reroofing and leading edge work. The V-Tools developed by OSHA provides nine additional safety videos to the fall safety videos for other construction related topics for safety training. The videos are in both English and Spanish and typically two to four minutes long. [Click to access V-tools.](#)

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On January 19, President Trump put forth a proposal to reopen the federal government, help secure our southern border, and extend work authorizations for Temporary Protected States (TPS) and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) holders, which include approximately 120,000 construction workers. Under this deal, those work authorizations would be extended by three years in exchange for \$5.7 billion for border security infrastructure.

The U.S. Senate is poised to vote on legislation—the End the Shutdown and Secure Our Border Act—encompassing the president's proposal. In addition, this legislation will include approximately \$7 billion in disaster-aid construction project funding and a \$10 billion increase over FY 2017 annual funding levels for federal infrastructure programs, including \$5.3 billion more for highways, \$1 billion more transit, and \$500 million more for airports.

In summary, passage of this legislation benefits the construction industry by:

- Boosting disaster-aid construction project and infrastructure program funding
- Allowing the estimated 120,000 TPS and DACA holders to remain in the construction workforce for three more years
- Averting negative impacts of the shutdown, including delayed bid lettings, permits, and tax refunds

"While we do not hold ourselves out to be experts on border security and, thus, have no stated position on the border wall, we have supported [bipartisan](#) comprehensive immigration reform bills in 2006 during the Bush Administration and in 2013 during the Obama Administration. Both of those bills included border wall funding and were supported by the leadership of both parties. There is no reference in our legislative alert to a "border wall" but to "border security." From Stephen Sandherr, AGC Chief Executive Officer

SUBMIT YOUR NASA FORMS AND ENTER THE 2018 NATIONAL AGC SAFETY AWARD OSHA 300 Log

Do I Need to Post Form 300? (February 1 – April 30 each year)

Answers and Guidelines on filing and posting the form are attached and on line. February 8th is the deadline to submit your information for the NASA Award by simply transferring the OSHA 300A information to the attached NASA form and send to chughes@wtagc.org.

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.

2019 Annual Printed West Texas AGC Chapter Directory for Members

E&M Consulting is wrapping up the publication of our West Texas AGC Membership Directory. In the next few weeks, they will be contacting any members who have not yet responded with advertising opportunities. If you have any interest in advertising this year, please contact a sales associate at E&M or sign up online at www.emconsultinginc.com/adreservation/WTXAGC or call **800.572.0011**.

Members must be active and dues current to be included in the directory.

ATTENTION - WEST TEXAS CHAPTER AGC PLAN ROOM USERS!

Internet plan room access is included with General Contractor and Associate memberships through West Texas AGC. This program was designed or programmed "User/Email" specific and not "Company/Inclusive". Therefore, it is VERY IMPORTANT that a company notify WTAGC when an employee leaves or no longer uses the plan room service so they may be removed from the database that is notifying them of ITB's. A backlog continues when multiple people utilize the same log in and there is a failure to manage the bids received.

We respectfully request that each user of the on-line plan room, use their specific login and password. Using the procedures outlined by the programmers will enable us to continue providing our members unlimited number of licenses. Please contact our Abilene office at 325.676.7447 with any questions. The West Texas AGC IPR, Internet Plan Room Service, is a valuable benefit that we plan to continue to provide with continued improvements and unlimited access with your assistance.