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## Associated General Contractors of America Inc.

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#### Texas Legislature hears from AGC members on important bills

**Right to Repair** (HB 1999 by Leach) and **School Construction Defects** (HB 1734 by Holland) have both gone to the floor of the House, receiving majority yes votes. The message from AGC members by email, phone calls and presence at the capital made the difference according to Corbin Van Arsdale, President of AGC-TBB leading the charge on behalf of AGC members in Texas. Thanks to everyone who contacted their Legislators and influenced the passage of these bills at the House vote.

#### 2018 AGC of America Annual Report

Last year was truly special for AGC of America and our members as we celebrated 100 years as the leading association for the construction industry. Since our founding, we have worked hard to help our members thrive and this past year was no exception. As you'll see in our latest **Annual Report**, AGC of America achieved many notable victories for our industry, and we are positioning ourselves for continued success over the next century. We hope this Annual Report gives you a helpful look at everything AGC of America, its chapters, and members were able to accomplish in 2018. We also made a **video** with interviews from some of our members highlighting the benefit of their involvement with AGC.

#### "Ditch Diggers"

Heavy equipment operator and talented poet **Eric Borden** wrote "Ditch Diggers" to honor the men and women who work in the construction industry. He puts into powerful words the pride that comes with working in this great industry and calls on those outside of the industry to rethink the misconceptions they might have about it. **Watch the video of Eric's poem.**

#### Quick tips for contractors to serve customers better

##### *7 Ways to Sell More and Serve More*

Contractors should use the term "consultation" instead of "estimate" to help customers understand that prices are not negotiable, Mike Agugliaro writes. Other tips for contractors who want to sell more and serve customers better include giving customers options while firmly retaining the position of the expert in the conversation. Read More at **Contractor Magazine**

### Safety Tips

#### Respirable Silica

##### *Featured Video: Controlling Respirable Silica Exposure in Construction*

OSHA requires employers to limit workers' exposure to respirable crystalline silica on the job. A video launched in January 2019 focuses on **handheld power saws**, showing how an integrated water delivery system controls silica dust created when cutting certain materials.

The West Texas AGC website / Safety Resources, provides links and information to assist you with information with fact sheets and guidelines when working around respirable silica.

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## Partnership to Enhance Workplace Safety and Health at Texas Construction Project

OSHA and Lee Lewis Construction recently signed a **partnership agreement** to help protect workers during construction of the **Buddy Holly Hall of Performing Arts and Sciences in Lubbock, Texas**. The partnership will focus on preventing fall, electrical, trenching and excavation, struck-by, and caught-between hazards. The partners will also encourage contractors and subcontractors to exchange information on hazards identified during construction activities.

West Texas AGC congratulates **Lee Lewis Construction** on their safety program!

## WebEd: Critical EEO-1 Survey Reporting Requirements Update

May 2, 2019 - 1:00pm to 2:00pm CDT

The EEO-1 is an annual survey that requires all private employers with 100 or more employees and federal government contractors or first-tier subcontractors with 50 or more employees **and** a federal contract, subcontract or purchase order amounting to \$50,000 or more to file the EEO-1 report. The traditional EEO-1 report ("Component 1") requires employers to tally employment data by race/ethnicity, gender and job categories. The recently reinstated "Component 2" of the report requires employers to query their databases for W-2 pay data and FLSA hours worked information, even though individual pay data is not actually reported to the EEOC. The filing of the EEO-1 report is not voluntary and is required by federal law, but we await a court order regarding the timing of any filing using Component 2 data fields. **Read More** ➔

## AGC WebEd: Enthusiasm for Lean

May 7, 2019 | 1-2 CST

For many lean leaders and coaches a primary concern is obtaining the full engagement of everyone on a project team in lean practices. Despite best efforts at directing people toward lean behaviors universal lean buy-in has been difficult to achieve. This webinar, presented by Tom Richert, Lean Project Consulting and Joanna McGuffey, Unconventional Works LLC, presents knowledge about how enthusiasm for lean can be methodically generated within project teams working in the building design and construction industry.

For more information and to register, **click here**.

## Take AGC's 2019 Highway Work Zone Safety Survey

Each year AGC of America conducts a **survey** of members involved in highway construction work to evaluate the state of highway work zone safety. We want to collect information on the number, severity, impacts and potential solutions to highway work zone crashes. Our intention is to use the information we collect from this survey as the main focus of a media and public education campaign we will launch the week before Memorial Day, the traditional start of the summer driving season.

Take the survey **here**.

## 2019 Safety Stand Down – May 6-10

How will your company participate and lead! **AGC Members**, both General Contractors and Sub-contractors, should always be the leaders and examples for other companies working on construction sites. During the week of May 6-10, we have an opportunity to let our customers, employees, and others in the industry know that safety is the TOP PRIORITY.

For guidance on holding a "Safety Stand Down", materials, FREE hard hat stickers and pocket sized hazard alert cards to distribute at your stand down and safety meeting **CLICK HERE – Safety Pays | Falls Cost**.

## Local Elections – May 4, 2019

Bond elections have a great impact on the construction industry. See the break down on propositions in our chapter territory and other areas we have members working. The DFW areas are proposing large propositions to keep up with the growth in the area for future schools, fire stations and public infrastructure improvements. Other areas are also impacted.

West Texas encourages our members and their employees to be familiar with the issues and to **VOTE** on election day!

## West Texas AGC Scholarship Golf Tournament

Friday | April 26, 2019

Noon Lunch | 1:30 Shotgun Start

The RAWLS Course | Lubbock, TX

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