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West Texas AGC Chapter offices will be closed tomorrow for Good Friday

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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!

Legislative Action in committees favorable for AGC!

The AGC – TBB bills voted out of committee, remedy issues that hindered our AGC members or provide ways to improve the way business can be done. Bills to note include:

Uniform general conditions for K-12 contracts (SB 1297 by Powell) | Companion: HB 1416 by Lucio III being heard today in-House Public Ed

Attorney’s fees for state breach of contract (HB 1185 by Cyrier) | Companion: SB 737 by Hughes

Local preemption – “paid sick leave” bills (SB 2486 and SB 2488)

\$3.8 billion in tuition revenue bonds (TRBs) for higher ed projects (HB 2000 by Turner) | Companion: SB 2247 by West.

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Safety Tips

Preventing Falls – OSHA Fact Sheet

The article on page 2, identifies failure to provide fall protection as number one on OSHA’s top ten violations from 2018. The Safety Stand Down materials are focused on fall protection and safety.

Today’s Safety Tip on Preventing Falls is a basic fact sheet addresses unprotected sides, wall openings, holes in floors and ladders. For additional information on specific fall protection systems such as harness systems, aerial lifts, scaffolds, and ladders contact West Texas AGC at 325.676.7447 or chughes@wtagc.org.

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Legislative Action

Right to Repair (HB 1999 by Leach) is set for a House floor vote on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

School Construction Defects (HB 1734 by Holland) is set for a House floor vote on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

AGC-TBB will be calling on our membership to write letters, make calls and send email to representatives to support the bills presented for a vote. Please take the necessary time to assist passage of this critical legislation. The West Texas Chapter has an advocacy page with links to the State Legislative site and Representatives contact information. Additional information will be provided on Monday. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

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](#).

Fall protection again tops OSHA's violation list

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued 7,270 citations for fall protection violations in 2018, the most for any single category and the fifth consecutive year in which violations of this standard topped the list. This infographic shows the Top 10 OSHA violations for 2018.

[Click HERE for Infographic with OSHA references and quick training tool.](#)

Workforce Development Scholarship application deadline is June 1st

The AGC Education and Research Foundation offers Workforce Development Scholarships to students enrolled in accredited technical schools or craft training programs in any discipline of commercial construction. Students in technical or approved craft training programs will have until **June 1st** to apply for \$1,000 scholarships (renewal for up to two years) from the AGC Education and Research Foundation. To review the complete list of criteria [click here](#), then [click here](#) to apply. For further questions, contact Courtney Bishop (courtney.bishop@agc.org / 703-837-5356).

West Texas AGC Scholarship Golf Tournament

Friday | April 26, 2019

Noon Lunch | 1:00 Shotgun Start

The RAWLS Course | Lubbock, TX

Fun Time | Great Prizes | Worthwhile Cause

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