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Construction Data from AGC

AGC **posted** updated **fact sheets about construction in each state** and the District of Columbia. Each sheet shows the construction industry's share of the state's economy, wages and salaries, and small businesses; nonresidential construction spending; state and metro construction employment; and relative pay for the construction industry and top occupations. In addition, AGC **posted construction employment** and share of total employment **for each state and congressional district**, including rankings of the top 10 states and districts by number and percentage of construction employees. For the Texas fact sheet click [HERE](#)

The Votes Are In!

If you were following local elections and voted, you already know who was elected, if there is a run-off and if any Bond or Propositions in the area you live, or work passed or failed. The majority of propositions passed. See the attached results with your newsletter today. This is just a small listing of the many propositions and construction projects that will be funded by tax dollars in the coming few years.

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Major state issues

Budget (HB1) – passed House and Senate. In conference.

School finance (HB3) – passed House and Senate. In conference.

Local govt revenue caps (SB2) – passed House and Senate. In conference.

"School Safety" bill - Renovations for K-12 (SB 11 by Taylor) – passed Senate 29-2. Heard and pending in House committee.

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Safety Tips

Tool Box Talk – Crushing Accidents – English & Spanish Flyers

Crushing accidents may involve victims caught in or compressed by equipment or objects, victims caught in running equipment or machinery, and victims caught in or crushed by collapsing materials. Today's safety tip includes guides for: Lockout/Blockout/Tagout Procedures; Trenching and Excavating; and General Requirements for Storage.

Crushing accidents are almost always the result of failure to implement one or more of the above safety procedures. Carelessness or indifference to these safety procedures is a needless risk.

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Major AGC-TBB issues

School construction defects (HB 1734 by Holland (Sen Lucio)) – passed House 111-30. Heard in Senate Education on May 7.

Right to repair (HB 1999 by Leach (Creighton)) – passed House 99-34. Will be heard in Senate State Affairs tentative MON May 13.

Uniform general conditions for K-12 contracts (SB 1297 by Powell (Lucio III)) – passed Senate 31-0. Passed House Public Education on May 7.

Attorney's fees for state breach of contract (HB 1185 by Cyrier (Hughes)) – passed House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence 8-0. On House calendar for May 8.

Attorney's fees for all breaches of contract (incl govts and partnerships) (HB 790 by Sarah Davis) – passed House 136-1. Not yet referred in Senate.

Contractors not liable for design defects (HB 2901 by Leach) - passed out House Judiciary & Civil Jurisprudence 6-3. In House Calendars. Dead due to deadline.

Contractors not liable for design defects on road projects (HB 2899 by Leach) – passed House 115-31. Passed Senate committee.

Recommended for Local/Uncontested calendar.

TLR bill on hiring contingency plaintiffs' lawyers for defects cases (HB 2826 by Greg Bonnen (Huffman)) – Passed House 103-39. Will be heard in Senate State Affairs tentative MON May 13.

My 10 Favorite Quotes on Small Business Leadership

"A lot of people like to share inspiring quotes. And there are many about leadership that have inspired me. But why are they inspirational? I have listed my reason why after each quote." Gene Marks, from The Hartford

Attached to today's newsletter are the 10 quotes. Great quotes for business leaders and others. Remember that everyone in a company or family is a leader and that someone is watching you, and you, are always influencing another.

Free WebEd: Design and Construction Outlook Thursday | May 16th | 1:00 PM CST

The US economy finished 2018 with record-breaking growth and has enjoyed its second-longest period of economic expansion in history. However, optimism wanes as architects and contractors worry about finding enough employees to execute current commitments, let alone more work. Concerns build as fluctuating materials costs and interest rates threaten to slow growth.

Join us as three leading economists, including AGC's Ken Simonson, look at the economic trends and pressures impacting the construction industry today and a look ahead to what's to come during our 2019 Spring Design & Construction Economic Webcast. Learn more and register [here](#).

Advanced Management Program (AMP): November 3-8, 2019, Dallas, TX

Registration is now open for AGC's Advanced Management Program (AMP) being held November 3rd -8th, 2019 in Dallas, TX. For leaders in the construction industry, no program provides a more comprehensive, uniquely focused program for construction executives than [AGC's Advanced Management Program](#). AMP is designed for chief executives and senior level management in construction. A minimum of ten (10) years of construction experience is needed or six years of construction experience and a bachelor's degree are required for acceptance. Learn more and register [here](#).

Construction Project Manager Course: December 8 - 13, 2019, Dallas, TX

PMC participants experience an interactive program that explores the critical areas of project management that seasoned project managers tackle daily. The course's curriculum builds on itself throughout the week, starting with the impact planning has on the overall project and moving on to cover scheduling, productivity and subcontractor/vendor management as well as legal issues and contract clauses, record-keeping and much more. Learn more and register [here](#).

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