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New Benefit Programs
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Where contractors are most likely to exceed the budget

Budget structures vary by the type of construction a contractor performs. For example, subcontractors typically have a significant amount of their costs allocated to direct labor and materials while general contractors' budgets are likely to have more subcontracted work on their books.

However, despite the differences in where the budget is weighted, every contractor, no matter its specialty, is vulnerable to cost overruns.

Budget overruns can pop up in any part of a project's budget — specifically, these four major areas.

Read Full Article and find out the four major areas [HERE](#).

'There's a business case': Study of construction workers links poor sleep to injury risk

Among the cognitive failures:

- Not remembering correct work procedures or if equipment was turned off.
- Unintentionally pressing a control switch on machines.
- Stopping or starting the wrong machine unintentionally.
- Daydreaming instead of listening to a co-worker.

Read more [HERE](#).

New Master Subcontract & Project Work Order Contract Documents Released

The ConsensusDocs Coalition has just published the [ConsensusDocs 755 Standard Master Subcontractor Agreement Between Constructor and Subcontractor](#) and the [ConsensusDocs 756 Standard Project Work Order Between Constructor and Subcontractors](#). These documents provide a more efficient method for Constructors/General Contractors/CMs to negotiate the legal terms and conditions with their Subcontractors once across multiple projects and allow field employees negotiate the work scope and price on additional small or large subcontract contracts without needing legal review to renegotiate the terms and conditions. **Read More** ➔

"Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?" *George Carlin*

Safety Tips

For Safety's Sake – Do Something – Back to School Driving Safety

Use a safety meeting to impress upon your employees to use special precautions when driving in school zones and in and out of construction sites if at a school or project with children. Remind them that it is illegal to use a cell phone when driving in a school zone.

If your company would like to implement a cell phone policy, contact the West Texas Chapter for templates and additional information at 325.676.7447.

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Are you prepared for the unexpected?

If you're unsure of the exact answers, **sign up today!**

- 1 How many hours subsequent to an employee's death before OSHA arrives onsite?
- 2 How does OSHA define a recordable injury or illness?
- 3 How does OSHA define First Aid?
- 4 What OSHA records must be maintained and posted?
- 5 When must an injury be reported to OSHA?
- 6 What may cause an OSHA inspection?

West Texas AGC Members
 Are invited to join
OSHA INSPECTIONS!
How to Prepare, Contest & Manage the Aftermath
 By Sanford & Tatum Insurance Agency

Limited Seating
 RSVP to Tamara Cannon
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or

Register at
 Sanford Tatum Insurance
 Click [HERE](#)



Wednesday, September 11th

Sanford & Tatum
 5241 98th Street
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 10:00 am – 11:30 am

Speaker: Lee Salazar

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You can also register online at:
www.sanfordtatum.com

In case you missed this in last week's newsletter– Here it is again / it's still HOT!

How to Stay Cool on the Summer Construction Jobsite

These 18 tips tell you how and why to keep cool on the construction site during the hot summer season

If you work outdoors, taking a few hours to cool off in an air-conditioned room isn't usually an option when there's a job to get done. Getting through a hot day takes planning and preparation. You wouldn't show up at a worksite without the right tools, and you shouldn't arrive unprepared for the heat.

Get even more in-depth information on these 18 tips and why they are important to construction laborers' safety by reading the full article, ["18 Tips to Stay Cool on the Jobsite in the Summer Heat."](#) Or [Watch the Video](#)

Look for these benefits and programs on the West Texas AGC Website and AGC- Associated General Contractors website or call 325.676.7447 for information.

- AGC Education and Research Foundation Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship | *Deadline to Apply is November 1, 2019*
- Groundbreak, by Procore | Phoenix, AZ | October 8-10, 2019
- Health Care Group Plan through your membership with West Texas AGC and partnership with One Digital
- 401(k) Plan through your membership with West Texas AGC with the Southwest Chapters 401 (k) Plan

Introducing FMI's first Building Products Market Update

Economic signals are telling us that we're near the top of the construction cycle. This means that the next five years will look very different than the last five years, which were characterized by full work pipelines and healthy growth in both the commercial and residential construction sectors.

How will this affect the building products industry? In this first publication, we address:

3 keyways to prepare your business for market and economic shifts

Trends we're seeing that will impact the building products industry

Total construction spending and put in place forecast

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