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## West Texas AGC News & Resources

### SAFETY TIPS - Forklift Safety

Many businesses use forklifts and often let new employees move materials without training and instructions. Forklifts of various sizes require different certifications and expertise. Key points to remember is the 3 point entry and exit to and from equipment, caution on rough terrain, and construction equipment such as forklifts should never be used for horseplay. Read more and prepare for a weekly safety meeting.

[Forklift Safety - English](#)

[Forklift Safety - Spanish](#)

### Opportunities from Northwest Texas PTAC for WTAGC Members

The Northwest Texas Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) assists firms in northwest Texas to identify and secure federal, state, and local government contracting opportunities. PTAC helps businesses navigate the government contracting learning curve simplifying the entire process. Services include no cost, one-on-one assistance, periodic training workshops around the state, monthly webinars, and many additional services to businesses wishing to engage in public sector contracting. Our main focus is getting companies "contract ready" before they start bidding on open solicitations. Let PTAC assist your company with:

- SAM (System for Award Management) registrations
- Certification applications for:
  1. Woman Owned Small Business
  2. Veteran Owned Small Business
  3. HUBZone Certification (Federal)
  4. HUB Certification (State of Texas) o 8(a) Certification
  5. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)
- Finding business opportunities in the public sector for small business in the area
- Education

Contact Cassie Hughes at West Texas AGC, [chughes@wtagc.org](mailto:chughes@wtagc.org), (325) 676-7447, for specific contacts and resources at NTPTAC in our areas and assistance.

[Webinars & Registration](#)

**Congratulations – Recognizing SEDALCO with BEST PROJECT – HIGHER EDUCATION/RESEARCH**

***ENR Texas & Louisiana is pleased to announce its 2020 Best Projects winners!***

ENR received 131 entries into this year's contest—the most of any of ENR's 10 regional contests—and the panel of judges selected just 18 Best Projects and 23 Awards of Merit across 19 categories.

The West Texas AGC Chapter congratulates SEDALCO, General Contractor member, with West Texas AGC and TEXO AGC for this outstanding recognition. Presentations by award ceremony by ENR are planned for October 23rd in Houston. SEDALCO's project is listed as:

**Higher Education/Research | Best Project**  
Texas A&M Dallas AgriLife Center | Dallas  
Submitted by SEDALCO Inc.

**AGC Reports June construction employment release; Wells Fargo Economics commentary: Texas Payrolls Surge Again in June**

AGC of America posted the attached release on July 17th. Texas added 3,500 construction jobs, seasonally adjusted--an increase of 0.5% (29th out of 50 states plus D.C.) between May and June. The state shed 26,900 construction jobs (-3.5%, 27th) between June 2019 and June 2020.

The Wells Fargo commentary below includes this construction-related comment: Construction registered a somewhat paltry 3,500-job gain. Hiring in transportation & utilities edged higher, with a 1,900-job gain. Considering the magnitude of the job losses in these industries, these gains are fairly underwhelming and likely connected to historically dismal conditions in the state's oil and gas industry.

[June 2020 State Employment Release](#)

[State Employment 2020 Data](#)

**SAVE THE DATE - ZOOM Informational Meeting for**

## Multi Family Construction Project | Midland, TX

West Texas AGC General Contractors and Sub-Contractors  
You are invited to an informational meeting via Zoom July 29, 2020  
Presentation by Z MODULAR

Scope is a modular construction project for 342 multi-family units in Midland, TX  
Details to follow!

## Recent Immigration Developments to Impact Construction Industry

Two recent immigration policy changes highlight the need for Congress to enact permanent immigration reform. First, on June 18, the Supreme Court ruled that recipients under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) can continue to legally work in the country. The decision was the result of recent Trump Administration actions that attempted to roll back the 2012 DACA program.

[Read More](#)

## AGC Virtual IT Conference

The construction industry's number one conference. Educates, inspires and provides key takeaways to help companies utilize cutting-edge technology and be more efficient.

**August 3 - 6, 2020 | Online**

Member Fee: \$349 | Non Member Fee: \$449

Register multiple attendees from the same company and save money!

**Member Fee: \$549 for two attendees | Non Member Fee: \$619 for two attendees**

**Member Fee: \$739 for three attendees | Non Member Fee: \$869 for three attendees**

The focus of this year's conference will be on the role of IT, Field-to-Office communications, collaboration tools, cybersecurity and VDC (Virtual Design and Construction). [Click Here for more information & schedule](#)

- Hear from subject matter experts discuss strategy and current industry trends.
- Experience demonstrations that are improving the state of construction IT and elevating the industry standard.

[Registration](#)

## Medistar to Roll Out Air Filter that Kills Coronavirus and More

A collaboration inspired by Medistar Corp. and including researchers from the University of Houston and Texas A&M has developed a heating ventilating and air conditioning system filter, made from nickel foam, that can trap and instantly kill 99.8% of the coronavirus responsible for the COVID-19 pandemic, say the lead researchers on the team. The investigators also say the filter catches and destroys 99.9% of anthrax spores and other pathogens, including the legionella bacteria that causes Legionnaires' disease.

The biodefense indoor air protection system, currently under beta-testing at the InterContinental Hotel Houston Medical Center and soon to go into commercial production, can be custom-fitted to existing heating and cooling equipment in all types of HVAC systems in buildings, planes and ships, say the researchers.

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## Contractors Must Redouble Efforts to Protect Workers and Communities from the Coronavirus

### Construction Firms Are Protecting Their Workers and the Public

AGC of America and construction contractors understand that the only way to work amid the current pandemic is to work safely

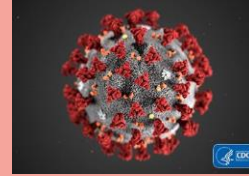
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With COVID-19 cases spiking in many parts of the country, the construction industry needs to be extra vigilant with its safety procedures to protect workers and the public. AGC is here to help with a full suite of safety resources. [Learn More](#)

[COVID-19 Resources and Updates](#)

West Texas AGC and AGC of America update their COVID Resource sites to provide you with current information as it is available. This covers job site guidelines, employees, legislative and other regulatory notices from CDC, OSHA, WHO, etc.



[Visit our website](#)

## DOL Releases Additional Guidance as Workplaces Reopen

July 21, 2020 | Covers FLSA, FMLA, and FFCRA Issues

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) released additional guidance to provide information to workers and employers about how the requirements and protections of the [Fair Labor Standards Act \(FLSA\)](#), [\(link is external\)](#) the [Family and Medical Leave Act \(FMLA\)](#), [\(link is external\)](#) and the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act \(FFCRA\)](#) [\(link is external\)](#) that impact the workplace as they continue to reopen.

The new guidance provides plain-language questions and answers addressing critical issues related to COVID-19 based scenarios under all three laws.

### ***Of particular interest are:***

- FLSA guidance describes what hours are compensable when an employee is working at home, how employers can give employees flexibility during the day for instance to attend to remote schooling obligations, and whether an exempt employee maintains exempt status when having to perform non non-exempt duties;
- FMLA guidance includes new discussions on treating telemedicine visits the same as physical appointments; and
- FFCRA guidance instructs that employers who rehire workers they previously furloughed during the pandemic must honor any paid-leave benefits they accrued prior to the employment separation, and can't extend a temporary layoff based on a request for additional leave.

For AGC-provided resources on FFCRA and other coronavirus-related matters of significance to construction employers, visit [AGC's coronavirus website](#).paration, and can't extend a temporary layoff based on a request for additional leave.



## Your Membership Pays!

Check out the discount and savings programs you receive as a member of West Texas AGC and AGC of America. All aspects of running your business, from insurance, IT, inventory, fleet management, on site storage, travel, office products, uniforms, employee retention and benefit programs and many others.

[WTAGC Discount Programs](#)

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*in your specialized field and area of expertise*

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