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FEW CONSTRUCTION FIRMS WILL ADD WORKERS IN 2021 AS INDUSTRY STRUGGLES WITH DECLINING DEMAND, GROWING NUMBER OF PROJECT DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS

New Industry Outlook Finds Most Contractors Expect Demand for Many Categories of Construction to Decline, Few Firms Expect the Industry to Recover to Pre-Pandemic Levels Soon, but will Sustain IT Investments

Most contractors expect demand for many types of construction to shrink in 2021 even as the pandemic is prompting many owners to delay or cancel already-planned projects, meaning few firms will hire new workers, according to survey results released today by the Associated General Contractors of America and Sage Construction and Real Estate. The findings are detailed in [The Pandemic's Growing Impacts on the Construction Industry: The 2021 Construction Hiring and Business Outlook Report](#).

Safety Tips - Temporary Power Hook Ups & Quarterly Flyer for Assured Electrical Equipment Grounding Conductor Program

Most construction projects have temporary power or temporary lighting. All workers on the site should be familiar with the safety measures working with and around electricity. The quarterly equipment grounding program, trains employees on the hazards and repairs needed for every piece of equipment and for temporary lighting and electrical boxes.

Do you have a 2021 'Safety' resolution? Start with:

- Safety Meetings as a company priority
- Engage employees during meetings so they remember the information presented
- Goal - create and develop improvements in safety behavior!



Weekly Safety Meetings SAVE lives, time, and money!

[First Quarter - WHITE](#)

[Temporary Power Hook Ups](#)

How the Paycheck Protection Program Loans Differ in Round 2

Call it PPP federal rescue loans, Version 2.

For design and construction firms still struggling with the economic uncertainties brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the rules of the federal Paycheck Protection Program will be clearer in its revision

The loans are covered by a federal year-end legislative package that provides funding for a \$284.6-billion second draw.

After Congress pushed through the initial \$659-billion forgivable loan program in April with limited details, many construction companies grew frustrated as the guidance trolled out over the following months, including some onerous provisions, says Jimmy Christianson, vice president of government relations at Associated General Contractors of America.

[Read More from ENR](#)

Surety Bonding and Construction Risk Management



Need surety bonds for your next construction job or contract? Check out AGC's new surety bonding resources for contractors.

Welcome to AGC's online library of information on surety bonding, insurance, contract administration and other instruments of construction risk management.

At the AGC site, you will find links to reports, papers/presentations, articles and other virtual learning tools developed to help contractors understand and control these risks.

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Webinars for WTAGC Members | the Commercial Construction Industry Grow Professionally ... with Intent

5 Pitfalls of Cost Audits Lessons from the Trenches

Wednesday | January 13, 2021 | 2:00 – 2:30 PM CST

- Have you been questioned on pay apps and final billing reviews from clients?
- As a General Contractor or Sub-contractor, want to know more about CMAR contracts and gross maximum price (GMP)?
- Cost Audits can be Painless...or not, find out how

Where to find answers to these questions...

Registration for Free [Zoom](#) Webinar [HERE](#)



AGC Member Discount: AGC Michelin Advantage

January 14, 2021 - 2:00 PM EST

Free Webinar - Find out about Member Discounts!

[Michelin Registration](#)

Free WebEd: The Construction Regulatory Road Ahead

January 19, 2021 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Construction is a highly regulated industry. In recent years those regulations have swung the pendulum from one side to the next. The Biden Administration is expected to continue this trend. Every year the president, Congress and federal agencies issue a barrage of new executive orders, laws and regulations with which your construction business must comply. However, not all regulations are equal. Some are in effect in a matter of months while others linger for years. So how do regulations end up where they do? Who determines the final requirements? What has been the regulatory trends during the Trump Administration? What can the construction industry expect from the Biden Administration? How soon can we expect those regulations to take effect?

[Regulatory Road Registration](#)

Cybersecurity for Small Businesses: The Fundamentals

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 | 11am - 12pm

By SBDC - Texas Tech University

[Zoom Meeting Registration](#)



Optimizing construction projects with value engineering

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When value engineering is referenced in our industry, our minds may immediately go to a process that reduces project cost by slashing scope or decreasing the quality of materials used. However, that is not necessarily what the definition should be.

Immigration Weekly Round-Up: I-9 Flexibility Rules Extended, Stimulus Aid for Mixed Immigration Status Households

COVID-19 Stimulus Aid Available for Mixed-Status Families

The new coronavirus relief bill, passed by Congress on December 21, 2020, and signed by President Trump over the weekend, will provide stimulus checks to mixed immigration status families, including those whose undocumented parents or spouses are present in the United States.

[More from NLR](#)

*What you do makes a difference,
and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.*
Jane Goodall, primatologist, anthropologist, conservationist

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