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West Texas AGC News & Resources

Safety Tips - Safety & Structural Steel



Steel safety begins with the load and unloading and continues with the crane operation.

Steel erection is one of the top 10 most hazardous occupations according to BLS fatality data year after year. Steel erection work includes heavy duty high rise structures, metal buildings and even signs. Steel erection is often the skeletal core of bridges, office buildings, commercial, retail and industrial structures. OSHA published Subpart R, 1926.750, the current steel erection rule in 2001.

[AGC Toolbox Talk - Safety & Structural Steel](#)

[Steel Erection OSHA e-tool](#)

NOTICE - Blue Print / Copy Print Changes for Midland AGC Office



The West Texas AGC Chapter office in MIDLAND can not print plans for our members to purchase. The wide format printer requires parts that are no longer available. We regret the inconvenience this creates and will continue to search for solutions. Please contact Cassie Hughes with concerns (325) 676-7447

[July/August 2021 Constructor Now Available](#)

The July/August 2021 issue of Constructor magazine is now available! In this issue, we're talking about AGC's upcoming Annual Convention, the association's first major in-person event since the pandemic started. Will We See You in Orlando?



Other highlights include:

- [AGC Houston Takes the Lead in Getting Workers Vaccinated](#)
- [Double Duty: Digital Twinning Technology Streamlines Communication](#)
- [Addressing Mental Health in the Construction Industry with a Respectful Workplace Culture](#)

AGC - Construction Project Manager Course



DALLAS, TX | December 5th - 10th

[Join us us](#) for AGC's Construction Project Manager Course (PMC) and help your employees hone the skills necessary to work more efficiently, increase productivity and

propel your construction business to the next level. A CPM course is also offered in September (2021) In Atlanta. For information view events at agc.org.

Economy Highlights

High materials prices make project bidding difficult

High prices for steel, copper, lumber and other building materials continue to pose a challenge for contractors, who are finding that the unpredictable nature of materials prices makes accurate project bidding difficult. "It's tough right now to figure out how to get work against a dozen competitors and not lose your tail in the process," says Harper Construction President Jeff Harper, who says material costs that exceeded projections have cost the company about \$2 million this year

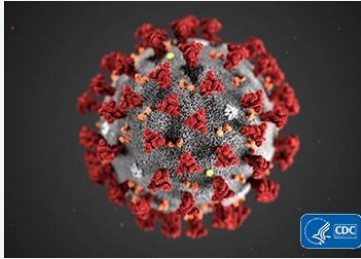
Inflation Accelerates in June

Wall Street Journal – July 13, 2021

As the economy recovers from the pandemic, inflation increased by its fastest pace in 13 years, as consumer demand drove rising prices for automobiles and airline fares. According to the Labor Department, the consumer price index increased 5.4% in June compared to June 2021. Core prices, excluding volatile food and energy categories, rose 4.5% year-over-year. The index rose 0.9% between May and June 2021, which is the largest month-to-month gain since 2008. One of the biggest factors causing inflation is a 10.5% increase in the price for used cars, making up a third of the overall rise in the index.

Economists expect inflation to remain high, yet ease to 4.1% in December 2021. Compared to pre-pandemic levels, the inflation rate was 1.8% in March 2020. The Federal Reserve's average inflation goal is 2%.

Coronavirus - Resources for the Construction Industry



AGC of America and the West Texas AGC Chapter continue to pull together the resources you need for jobsite safety protocols, worker safety in the office and on jobsites, when to test, what to look for in contract negotiations, legislative and funding relief, etc.

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AGC needs your help - Take the 2021 Autodesk and AGC of America Workforce Survey

Help measure the scope of construction labor shortages by taking a quick survey
The survey will close on August 13th.

The construction industry has experienced some very significant and sudden changes during the past few months that have led to dramatic changes in demand for work and the need for new workers. We need to understand exactly how those changes are impacting the industry's current workforce needs to better be able to advocate for measures to help the industry's labor needs in both the short- and long-term. That is why we are asking you to take a few minutes to complete the following workforce survey that we and our partners at Autodesk have prepared. The more people understand the scope, and consequences, of current labor market conditions, the more likely they are to enact measures to help meet the industry's needs. ***The more members who take the survey, the better able we all will be to describe labor market conditions where you operate.***

[Take the Workforce Survey](#)

Texas Mutual \$1,500 safety grants available beginning July 27th

We are proud to help our Texas Mutual clients get the safety equipment they need to keep their workers safe and prevent workplace injuries. This year, we're giving away \$2 million in safety grants as part of



our commitment to create a stronger, safer Texas.

Starting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, July 27, Texas Mutual clients can apply for a safety grant by logging in to their Texas Mutual Online (TMO) account. Once they log in, they'll see a banner at the top of the page that will take them to our safety grants information page. Applications will be processed in the order they are received, and the application will close when all grant funds have been allotted. We encourage policyholders to apply as soon as the application opens.

Our 2021 Safety Grant Program Guide provides more information on how to apply, as well as examples of approved and unapproved items.

[2021 Grant Guide](#)

Upcoming Webinars, Conferences and Educational Programs by AGC

View the full calendar with dates, times, speakers and program descriptions. Most webinars are free to members. Use your West Texas AGC Chapter and AGC of America membership - access and be aware of all available discounts and programs. Allow professional development to elevate your employees and company to the next level.

[AGC Webinars & Events](#)

AGC Education and Research Foundation Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship is Now Open



Each year the AGC Education and Research Foundation offers undergraduate and graduate level scholarships to students enrolled in ABET or ACCE accredited construction management or construction related engineering programs.

The application opened July 1, 2021 and closes November 1, 2021.

Please let students in the West Texas Chapter area about this scholarship opportunity!

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