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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

November 22, 2011



Give Thanks for Free Legal Advice

Registration closes next week for the MCA's Legal Issues for the Construction Industry workshop. OK, it's not "free," but for \$50 you won't find a better bargain!

The workshop will cover legalities concerning safety, contracts, insurance, hiring/firing practices, and recent changes in Montana's laws as they concern to business and construction. This workshop is an excellent opportunity to discuss and confer with legal experts, and we hope to see you on December 1st, in Helena!



Good News From the East

Follow the link to an interesting article in the [Sidney Herald](#) on Tuesday, November 15. MCA Executive Director Cary Hegreberg was interviewed during a tour of the area.



Point/Counterpoint

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Online Registration is up!

Calendar

Dec 1

Legal Issues for Construction Industry
Helena

[Registration](#)

Bid-Letting
MDT Offices, Helena
9:00 am

Dec 7

Highway Technical Committee
Helena, MCA Office
9:00 am

Dec 8-9

ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification
Missoula
[Registration](#)

Dec 15-16

ACI Field Testing Technician
Helena
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Here's an interesting [editorial side-by-side](#) by Missoula County and Yellowstone County commissioners that appeared in The Missoulian on November 13, concerning the transportation of the "megaloads" in Montana.



North Dakota Gains 19% Construction Employment, Montana Loses 2%

AGC officials said the failure of the congressional "super committee" charged with reaching a deal to cut the U.S. deficit has the potential to undermine construction employment. They noted that the mandatory federal spending reductions that are now scheduled to go in place in the absence of a deal would likely cut needed investments in vital infrastructure projects across the country.

[Click here](#) for the entire press release from AGC



OSHA Newsletter Available

The Montana division of OSHA publishes a quarterly newsletter. Good news: there were only 2 fatalities in the construction industry in Montana in 2011 (there were 5 fatalities in 2008). Bad news: there were 2 fatalities in the construction industry in Montana in 2011 - we can do better!

Click to read the [newsletter](#).



Close the Chapter on the 3% Withholding Tax

MCA members have another thing to be thankful for this November. On Monday, President Obama signed into law the 3 Percent Withholding Repeal and Job Creation Act. The law permanently repeals the requirement that federal, state, and large local governments begin withholding 3 percent of each payment of \$10,000 or more to a contractor after Jan.

Quote of the Week

"The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving."

- H.U. Westermayer

1, 2013. The bill's signing is the culmination of a five-year effort by AGC, chapters, members, and industry stakeholders to repeal the 2006 provision.



Associate Division Looking for Directors

There are three open board positions on the Associates Board of Directors to be filled at the 2012 Annual Convention. Any Associate member interested in running for one of the seats please contact Maryann, MCA, 406-442-4162.

Each open position is for one three-year term beginning in 2012. The positions are for: 1) Insurance/Financial Surety Products & Services; 2) Transportation Products & Services; and 3) Concrete Products & Services. These members shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting to be held at the Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, on January 13, 2012.



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"Surviving the Economic Recovery"

Come enjoy the slopes of winter fun while you learn how to survive the steep slope of economic decline that leads to prosperity for those firms positioning themselves for the recovery. Dr. Thomas Schleifer is back as the featured Keynote speaker.

January 11-13, 2012
Big Sky Resort
Big Sky, Montana

Watch for the registration form in the November MCA newsletter. Or register online at www.mtagc.org.



MSU Recognition Dinner Slated for February 24

On Friday, February 24, 2012, the 8th Biennial Construction Recognition Dinner (CRD) will be held in the Strand Union Ballrooms on the campus of Montana State University-Bozeman. The purpose of the dinner is to recognize the entire construction industry for its contribution to our society and honor the Montana professional who work in it. Awards will be presented to outstanding Montana contracting professionals as well as several CE/CET alumni who have made significant contributions to the construction industry.

We invite you and your company to sponsor a table of eight at this banquet, which will include up to four designated attendees from your company. The remaining four or more sponsored guests at your table will include upper division construction students and faculty from Montana State University plus distinguished guests. The cost to sponsor a table of eight is four hundred and ninety-five dollars (\$495) and the check needs to be made out to: CE-CONSTRUCTION RECOGNITION DINNER. Please fill out this [table sponsorship request form](#) and return this form and your payment to the address listed on the table sponsorship request form.



AGC Offers Safety Award

The AGC is happy to announce the 13th annual Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) program. This awards program is the industry's elite safety excellence awards program which recognizes companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and loss prevention programs while achieving continuous improvements and maintenance of their safety and health management systems.

The deadline for submitting the application to national AGC is by COB December 9, 2011. You can download the [application form](#) here, or access the application by visiting www.agc.org/csea.



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