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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

October 28, 2011



Today is the Last Day to Register for More Money!

BIM stands for Building Information Modeling, but a more accurate way to look at it is **Bring In Money!** BIM is the future of design-build and it will save time and money on a project. More and more owners are asking for BIM - why lose out on a bid simply because you don't have anyone trained in this technology.

The MCA is sponsoring a class on BIM on November 3 in Helena. Cost of the class is \$250 for MCA members, \$300 for non-members.

This class is one of four that are required to attain the AGC's Certificate of Management-BIM. The other classes will be offered by the MCA during 2012.

Download the [registration form](#) or call Keith at the MCA for more information.



Tester Votes to Repeal 3% Withholding

Senator Jon Tester this week is highlighting his support for bipartisan legislation that cuts red tape for

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MCA Winter Convention @ Big Sky - **Registration coming soon!**

Calendar

Nov 3
BIM 101
Helena
[Registration](#)

Nov 9-10
ACI Flatwork Finisher Certification
Missoula
[Registration](#)

Nov 16
Highway Technical Committee
MCA Office, Helena
9:00 am

Nov 17-18
ACI Field Testing Technician
Bozeman
[Registration](#)

Nov 17
Bid-Letting
MDT, Helena
9:00 am

Dec 1

Montana's contractors, allowing them to grow and create more jobs.

Tester recently voted in the Senate to repeal a requirement that federal, state and local governments withhold 3 percent of all payments to contractors. The measure is now due for a vote in the House of Representatives.

Tester said Montana contractors rely on receiving full and timely payment for goods and services in order to cover all their expenses and bid on new projects.

"The last things the construction industry needs are measures that will make it harder for construction firms to hire, raise capital, invest in new equipment and, ultimately, succeed," said Cary Hegreberg, the executive director of the Montana Contractors Association. "Unfortunately, a new federal tax withholding measure will devastate an already hard-hit construction industry. We appreciate Senator Tester stepping forward and supporting this critical bill for Montana's contractors."

"As Montana's contractors look to expand and secure more work, Congress needs to clear a path that makes it easier for them to create more jobs," Tester said. "Now is not the time to throw roadblocks in front of Montana's small businesses. I will keep working to get this burdensome provision permanently off the books."



Legal Issues for Construction Industry
Helena
[Registration](#)

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Quote of the Week

"One today is worth two tomorrows; what I am to be, I am now becoming."


- Benjamin Franklin

Header Info

Schellinger Construction completed a 5-mile highway widening project south of Townsend on MT 287 this summer.

If you have pictures you'd like to see headline the e-brief, send them to keith@mtagc.org.

Participating Partner:



AGC of America is proud to partner with General Motors (GM) to offer exciting new incentives on new GM vehicles. This is a private offer strictly for AGC members and can be combined with separate incentives offered by GM for big savings.

Discount:

- AGC members can save up to \$500 on new passenger cars, sport utility vehicles and the all new full-size pickup trucks; and save \$1,000 on all other pickup trucks and vans.

How to take advantage:

- Go to www.gmfleet.com/agc

House Passes 3% Withholding Bill Co- Sponsored by Representative Rehberg

Follow the link to read the [AGC's press release](#) on the House passing the bill.

[Click here](#) for an article in the Helena Independent Record about the MCA press conference last week, which focused on this issue.



"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.

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

Watch for the registration form in the November MCA newsletter. Registration will also be available online at www.mtagc.org.



Rove to be Keynote Speaker at AGC Annual Convention

Karl Rove, former Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Advisor to President George H.W. Bush will provide the keynote address at the AGC's Annual Convention, March 13-17, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

March might seem like a long way off, but when taking spring break schedules and airline flights into consideration, now is the time to make your reservations!

Conference and hotel registration can be accessed by following this [link](#) to the AGC website. Save \$200 by registering prior to December 15!



MCA Seeks Member Award Entries!

The MCA Building and Concrete Excellence awards are the premier construction awards in Montana. Award applications are due at the MCA no later than November 12, 2011. You can submit the same project for both AGC award and MCA award consideration.

Click here for information and application forms for [concrete](#), [building](#), [environmental](#) and [highway](#) projects.



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 Seeks Member Award Entries

The AGC of America offers its members a chance to apply for the following awards:

[Alliant Build America](#) - Showcases top construction projects in a variety of categories

[Liberty Mutual Marvin M. Black Excellence in Partnering Award](#) - Honors collaborative spirit of successful projects between joint ventures

[AGC in the Community Awards](#) - Recognizes service projects and charitable giving initiatives performed by member companies

Projects must be completed within the timeframe of November 1, 2010 - November 1, 2011 in order to be considered. The final deadline for all entries is Friday, November 4, 2011.

Winners will be announced at AGC's 93rd Annual Convention next March. For more information, contact the Online Awards Administrator, Ijeoma Nwatu at nwatui@agc.org.



It's Not Just Construction Awards - 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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To help our member companies become the best construction firms in Montana.



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