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## Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

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## Consider Joining This Exclusive AGC Member-Only Webinar

TalentWise is presenting an exclusive event on October 13th at 10am PST (1pm EST); "**Stop Drowning in Paper I-9s and Overcome Employment Eligibility Compliance Challenges**" for you and your members.

Employment eligibility compliance is a very real issue for employers as I.C.E. continues to audit businesses and levy heavy fines for non-compliance. I-9 compliance is a requirement of ALL employers and E-Verify is becoming increasingly common as more and more states enact E-Verify legislation. Traditionally paper-intensive processes, new cost-effective and easy-to-use technologies make it possible to automate compliance and eliminate the guess work.

Click to [register](#)! It's free!



## Bring In Money!

### Quick Links

[MCA Newsletter](#)

[MCA Training Page](#)

[MCA Website](#)

MCA Winter Convention @ Big Sky - [Registration coming soon!](#)

### Calendar

Oct 19  
Highway Technical Committee  
Helena, MCA Office  
9:00 am

Oct 20  
Bid-Letting  
MDT, Helena  
9:00 am

Nov 3  
BIM 101  
Helena  
[Registration](#)

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

Nov 17-18  
ACI Field Testing Technician  
Bozeman

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, but **register today and receive a \$25 discount!**

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



## February is Just Around the Corner!

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.



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Legal Issues for Construction  
Industry  
Helena

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### Quote of the Week

"Experience is not what happens to you. It's what you do with what happens to you."

- Aldous Huxley

### Header Info

Schellenger 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](mailto:keith@mtagc.org).

## 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 [nwatu@agc.org](mailto:nwatu@agc.org).



## 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.



## 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](http://www.agc.org/csea).



## Fall Protection Product Recall

3M™ G-Series Retractable Lanyard Models:  
GW-7, GW-11, GW-7-0241A, GW-7-0241H, GW-11-0241A, GW-11-0241H, GW-11NS, DLGW-7, DLGW-7-0241A and DLGW-11-0241A

In an effort to ensure that 3M provides our customers with quality products and services, we have recently completed an analysis of GW-7 and GW-11 Series Self-Retracting Lanyards that were returned to us. We have identified a limited number of these units which do not properly achieve lock up during the user pre-inspection pull test on the webbing lifeline (as required by the User Instructions and OSHA regulations).

As a result, 3M requests that you immediately remove from service and quarantine all models of G-Series Self-Retracting Lanyards within your inventory. G-Series model numbers are provided at the top of this announcement for reference.

We request that the following steps be implemented:

1. Immediately stop use and quarantine all inventory of G-Series products.
2. Contact Ray Mann, 3M Fall Protection Technical Service, at 704-743-2406 for product return information.

3M remains committed to providing quality products and services to our customers. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this situation may cause you.



## Our Mission

To help our member companies become the best construction firms in Montana.



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