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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

August 5, 2011



If You Were Waiting For the Last Minute - It's Here!

Today is the last day to register for the MCA Summer Outing in Great Falls, August 10-12. Now's the time! [Register](#) today before you miss out!

The Thursday morning member breakfast, from 7:00 am-8:30 will feature three speakers who will provide insight into the construction outlook for Malmstrom Air Force Base. The speakers are Mr. Bill McLaughlin with the Civil Engineers, Mr. Chuck Weibel with the Contracting Squadron and Mr. Alan Korslein with the Corps of Engineers. You don't have to attend the Summer Outing to participate in this breakfast!

Please RSVP to [Maryann](#) if you would like to attend just the breakfast or call her at 406-442-4162.



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PAC Raffle Tickets Available

The MCA's PAC was instrumental in helping to elect pro-business legislators who did pass many laws that positively affected the construction industry.

Now you have the chance to support the PAC again by purchasing raffle tickets. The drawing will be held at the Summer Outing - now is the time to buy those tickets!

Contact any MCA Associate member, or [Maryann](#) at the MCA for your tickets - today!

AGC Urges Congress to Take Action on FAA Shutdown

70,000 jobs - including 24,000 construction jobs - are at risk during this FAA shutdown. The AGC is urging Congress to end the impasse. [Click here](#) to lend your support to the AGC.

Note: FoxNews [reported](#) late Thursday that a deal had been reached and was expected to be signed today.



More News on the 3% Withholding Law

Congressman Rehberg has co-sponsored a bill to repeal the 3% withholding law on government contract payments. At this time, neither Senator Baucus nor Senator Tester have determined that it is in the best interest of their constituents to repeal the law.

The MCA encourages members to contact Senators Baucus and Tester and let them know this withholding tax is onerous and anti-business.

Senator Max Baucus 202-224-2651
Senator Jon Tester 855-554-4403



Sand & Gravel Committee to Meet During Summer Outing

All members are invited to attend the Sand & Gravel Committee meeting, which will be held at 8:45 am on Thursday during the MCA Summer Outing. Agenda items include:

- Revisit MCA "Good Neighbor Policy"
- Signage for proposed/existing pits
- MSHA training
- Status of bond release requests
- Permitting issue/problems/successes

Hope to see you there!



MDT's DBE Shares the News

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program at MDT encourages general contractors to utilize DBE's for public and private projects. Read their newsletter [here](#).

Calendar

Aug 10-12
MCA Summer Outing!!
Great Falls

Aug 11
Bid-Letting
MDT-Helena
9:00 am

Aug 17
Highway Technical Meeting
9:00 am MCA
10:00 am MDT

Aug 26
Bid-Letting
MDT-Helena
9:00 am

Quote of the Week

"I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them."
- Phyllis Diller

Header Info

The MCA Concrete Division sponsored a pour of Pervious concrete at Fort Harrison on July 26. Architects, engineers, contractors, government official and the media was invited to attend.

MCA members Helena Sand & Gravel and ArCo Builders were responsible for the concrete mix and finishing. We'll highlight this project in the next several e-briefs.

Calling All Highway Division Members!

The MCA is hosting a meeting Aug. 30-Sept. 1 at Big Sky involving highway contractor leaders from Utah and Wyoming AGC chapters. Topics will focus on federal and state funding prospects, stormwater permits and erosion control bidding, alternative delivery systems for highway projects and other roundtable discussion items. This is the first time MCA has hosted the program and we are anxious to put on a good show for our colleagues to the south. More details will be distributed in the coming weeks.



Interim Legislative Committee to Review "One-Call" Law

The MCA has been asked to (again) participate in an effort to review and recommend changes to Montana's "One-Call" or "Dig Law." This time, it is at the official request of an interim legislative committee that has decided to study the matter and accept public input. [Click here](#) to see the correspondence, and [here](#) to see a copy of the bill introduced in the last legislative session that will serve as a starting point for discussions. MCA members are encouraged to provide input to Cary Hegreberg, who will be involved in the process.



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