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Montana Contractors' Association Newsletter

June 30, 2011



The Summer Outing is Right Around the Corner

Don't forget to mark August 10-12 for the 2011 MCA Summer Outing. We are off to a great start with people registering early, but we are still looking for hole sponsors. This year, the hole sponsor is welcome set up a tent or have a game on the hole they sponsor. If you are interested in sponsoring a hole, let Maryann know a.s.a.p. The course is beautiful and will be in top shape for our event. Hope to see everyone there.

To register, go to www.mtagc.org and click on the Summer Outing registration link.

Companies Getting Ready to Spend Again

An article in the Wall Street Journal indicates that private companies are preparing to build and expand after years of downturn.



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Calendar

July 12-13
Pervious Concrete for Contractors
Helena
[Registration](#)

July 14
Bid-Letting
MDT-Helena
9:00 am
* See note, left column

July 20
Highway Technical Committee
9:00 am, MCA Office, Helena
10:00 am, MDT, Helena

Businesses are starting to draw down cash accumulated during the economic slowdown and increase capital spending and acquisitions. Half of executives surveyed by the Association for Financial Professionals said they plan to hold cash steady during the next 12 months; 29% said cash will increase; and 21% expect less cash. Among executives planning a reduction, nearly half said they will use the money for expansion.

Special Notification to Contractors From MDT

House Bill 319, passed by the 2011 Montana Legislature, requires contractors submitting bids for the construction, repair or maintenance of roads, streets or bridges to include with their bid the contractor's special fuel user's permit number.

Contractors submitting bids on or after October 1, 2011, for construction contracts with the Department must include the contractor's special fuel user's permit number. A bid submitted without the bidder's special fuel user's permit number will be considered non-responsive.

The Expedite bidding software will be modified to add a folder for the entry of the bidder's special fuel user's permit number.

MCA Hosts Storm Water Class in Kalispell

Nearly 40 contractors, planners, designers and even private citizens attended the MCA's Advanced Storm Water and Erosion Control class in Kalispell on June 21-22. Special thanks to Hammerquist Caselegno and LHC for allowing the class to tour their sites, and to the Cities of Kalispell and Whitefish, the Flathead Lakers and the Montana DEQ for helping sponsor this training.

Watch for more pictures and an article in the September newsletter - and be sure to consider registering for the next Storm Water class September 27-28 in Billings.

July 28
Bid-Letting
MDT-Helena
9:00 am

Quote of the Week

"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."
- Jackie Robinson

Header Info

Independence Day history lesson: Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, Robert Livingston of New York, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, John Adams of Massachusetts and Ben Franklin of Pennsylvania were the members of the committee that drafted the original "Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled." The committee acknowledged that Jefferson wrote the majority of the document.

It was introduced by this committee to Congress on June 28, 1776. After several days of debate and revision, on July 4, 1776 it was approved by all members save the New York delegation, which abstained. The following week, New York voted for independence from Great Britain, and on July 19th the title was changed to "The unanimous declaration of the thirteen United States of America," and all members of congress signed the document.

The MCA Staff wishes our members a safe and happy 4th of July!



Scott Olson with Altitude Training Associates discusses run-on leading to erosion during the Kalispell class.

A New Purpose For an Old Material

Pervious concrete takes one of the world's oldest construction materials and turns it into a modern, ecological triumph. Instead of pushing storm water off to rivers and streams - where it picks up contaminants along the way - pervious concrete treats the water as nature intended by allowing it to percolate down to the water table.

To find out more, contact the MCA or sign up for the pervious concrete training. The class will be held July 12-13 in Helena, seats are very limited, so you are encouraged to [register](#) early.

Special Bid Notification

The Pryor Creek-1m S Huntley/MT11-1 project to replace a bridge damaged during recent flooding, is now being advertised and included in the July 14th bid letting as Call Number 105. This project is anticipated to be awarded the same day as bid letting. The successful contractor will need to have contracts completed, including all required insurance and performance bond, and returned to Contract Plans within five working days of the award. There will be an expedited Notice to Proceed of July 22nd. Please check the Contractor's System for further updates.

Think You Can Drive a Dozer?

If so, the Western States Rodeo is where you can show off those skills. There are two rodeo's in Montana this summer - one in Kalispell and one in Missoula. Bragging rights are at stake - [click here](#) for more information.

Sign Up for the MCA Contractor Clearinghouse

MCA members have responded to the call to be part of the [MCA Clearinghouse](#). The Clearinghouse is designed to indicate which contractors are "ready, willing and able" to work on disaster- or flood-related projects throughout Montana.

The news is now being picked up by local [television affiliates](#) and the [Montana League of Cities and Towns](#) (MLCT). We hope you're ready to start working...

The Clearinghouse will be hosted on the MCA website, and the MCA will provide this information to Montana counties, cities,



emergency disaster services, engineering firms, State agencies and the news media.

If you would like your firm listed on the Clearinghouse, please respond with the following information to [Edie Halford](#) at the MCA via e-mail or phone 406-442-4162:

Name of Company

Point of Contact/Phone/E-mail (cell phone for evening/weekend contact)

Capabilities (road, street repair; excavation; bridges, water/sewer, traffic control, buildings, etc)

Areas or counties you are willing to work

Are you Davis-Bacon compliant?

Do you have a special fuel user's permit?

We are updating the information on the website as it comes in to the MCA.

Montana has been hit hard by a heavy snowpack and a wet spring. Working together, we will rebuild and restore our communities for all Montanan's.

Our Mission

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



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