

# AGC of Alaska NEWSLETTER



August 2021

## In Memoriam—John Eng

We are sad to announce the passing of AGC Past President & Life Board Member John Eng. John has been a member of AGC since 1995, elected Board President in 2013, and Alaska Carpenter’s trustee for health and retirement. John served on various AGC committees throughout the years, and never missed an event or the opportunity to connect with his fellow members. He was active with many other industry, non-profit, and educational groups in Alaska, and mentored many AGC members over the years to help ensure the success of the construction industry.



Our deepest sympathies are with his family and friends at this difficult time. A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a future date.



[Click HERE](#) to Check out the AGC of America Podcast Series



## AGC Sporting Clays Shoot

Friday, Aug. 6, Birchwood Recreation & Shooting Park  
Registration: 9:30 am | Shotgun Start: 10:00 am



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# SENATE TO MOVE ON BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL THIS WEEK



Senate Majority Leader Schumer is expected to seek a final vote on passing a more than \$1 trillion bipartisan (physical) infrastructure bill before the week is over. Before that final vote, there will be votes on amendments. One amendment that AGCA and other transportation stakeholders will support is from Sens. John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) that would clearly allow for state and local governments to use their COVID relief funds (from the \$350 billion state and local COVID recovery fund enacted under the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act) towards the construction of highway and transit construction projects. In addition, there will be another AGC-backed amendment put forth by Sens. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) that would provide eligibility for State DOTs to achieve carbon emission reductions under a new carbon reduction program through pavement procurement. Stay tuned for more information as AGCA works to make the bill even better and help ensure harmful amendments fail.

## Upcoming AGCA Advocacy Events

August 10: WebEd: [AGC Townhall: Material Price Escalation and Substitutions](#)

August 11-13: [Construction Leadership & Development Conference](#)

August 17: WebEd Series: Building A Resilient Future for Your Company: [Part Two: Remaining Resilient through Smart Tech Investments](#)

August 18: WebEd Series: Claims, Change, Scheduling, Close Out--OH MY!: [Scheduling](#)



[Upcoming AK-CESCL Initial & Refresher, CQM & PMDP Training Classes. Click HERE to View.](#)



## Childcare Costs and Solutions Survey

Deadline: Friday, August 6th

The US Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) has partnered with the Alaska Chamber to conduct a childcare access survey in Alaska as part of a larger national effort. The USCCF is working to understand how much issues with access to affordable, quality childcare is an essential aspect of having a productive workforce. However, not everyone is able to secure the childcare their family wants or needs. With this important issue in mind, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation (USCCF) is working to understand just how much breakdowns in childcare cost states and what solutions could help parents most.

The Alaska Chamber invites you to participate in a 10-minute survey that will allow you to describe your experience finding or providing childcare. Those who qualify and complete the survey will be entered into a raffle with a **1 in 100 chance of winning an Apple Watch**. If you have already completed the survey, your entry has been recorded. Only one submission per person is necessary.

Please note that your name and information will be strictly confidential and never associated with your responses. All survey results will be reported anonymously and in aggregate. To participate in this survey, please follow the link below. The deadline to completely the survey is **FRIDAY, August 6<sup>th</sup>**. If you know anyone who fits the criteria for the survey, please feel free to forward this email to invite them to participate. [Click to Take Survey](#)

## URGENT ACTION ALERT

It's time for politicians to stop talking about rebuilding America's transportation, water, utility, and building infrastructure and start doing something about it. However, construction firms need to make it clear that new infrastructure funding should not be paid for with crippling new tax increases, or include expansive new labor mandates in the form of the so-called "PRO Act."

That's why AGC needs you to tell President Biden and Congress to enact the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill, which DOES NOT include such tax hikes or the PRO Act.



### TAKE ACTION

The bipartisan infrastructure bill DOES NOT include a host of tax increases on construction firms of all sizes and types; though they may be included in a \$3.5 trillion human infrastructure bill later. Such tax increases that may include, among other things:

- An increase in the top marginal individual rate from 37% to 39.6%;
- An increase in the long-term capital gains rate from 20% to a top marginal rate of 43.4%
- An increase in the corporate rate from 21% to 28%; and
- A new "double death tax" on family-owned business's accumulated capital gains.

In addition, the bipartisan infrastructure bill DOES NOT include the PRO Act, which may be included in a \$3.5 trillion human infrastructure bill later. The PRO Act would, among other things:

- Allow workers to strike at any time, any place and for any reason;
- Effectively repeal 27 states' right-to-work laws; and
- Expand joint employer liability so contractors could be punished for another firms' unfair labor practices.

The bipartisan infrastructure bill represents the best chance to significantly invest in building and maintaining a broad range of physical infrastructure without unnecessarily burdening the construction industry with new taxes and workforce mandates.

Click the "Take Action" button above and simply submit the pre-written message as is or customize it with personal information on how this issue impacts you and your employer. Please do not forward this email. If you would like to send the alert to colleagues and friends, please wait for the instructions that will be included in the confirmation email you will receive after taking action.

## WebEd: AGC Townhall: Material Price Escalation and Substitutions

August 10, 2021 - 2:00pm to 3:00pm | Member Price: \$0—Non-Member Price: \$99

The cost of goods and services used in construction climbed by a record-setting 4.3 percent in May and 24.3 percent over the past 12 months and we're seeing no end in sight as we continue into mid to late summer. Join Ken Simonson, AGC Chief Economist, as he moderates a roundtable discussion among a building GC and highway GC, an owner and a specialty contractor. During this hour long townhall discussion each participant will share how they are grappling with the surging prices of materials, managing owners and GC expectations, and keeping jobs on time and schedule.

Topics to be addressed during townhall: Lead times for procurement and locking in pricing; Managing expectation of clients; Lack of continuity from suppliers; and The concept of construction halting entirely and when is that coming.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

# Conference Corner

Mark your Calendar to join us **November 10-13, 2021** at the **Hotel Captain Cook** for the **AGC of Alaska Annual Conference**.

Conference registration includes both full day and full conference options. Meals are again included in both day and full conference registration rates, and look for the return of the Vendor Room, the **Marsh & McLennan** President's Welcome, the **First National Bank** Thursday Breakfast, the **Northrim Bank** CLC Reception, **Parker Smith & Feek Excellence in Construction** Luncheon, the **ConocoPhillips Excellence in Safety** Luncheon, and more. If you would like more information on the conference in general, please contact **Kimberley** at 907-865-0543 or [kimberley@agcak.org](mailto:kimberley@agcak.org). **AGC Dinner Dance Tickets go on sale: October 13, 2021 (8:00 AM call in to 561-5354).**

[Click HERE to register for the conference and view the many sponsorship opportunities available.](#)

## AGC of AK “Excellence in Safety” & “Excellence in Construction” Award Applications Now Online

The **Parker, Smith & Feek “Excellence in Construction”** and the **ConocoPhillips “Excellence in Safety”** Award applications are now available on the AGC of Alaska website. Click on the award name to download the forms. **Deadline** for the Excellence in Construction and Excellence in Safety forms are **Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021**. Please contact [Kimberley@agcak.org](mailto:Kimberley@agcak.org) with any questions.

## AGC/PAC Raffle Tickets are on sale! **Win \$10,000!!!**

Don't miss your chance to win \$10,000! Purchase your ticket(s) today from one of your AGC Board Members or the AGC staff. Tickets are \$100, with only 500 tickets being sold. There are a total of 24 cash prizes to win, so your chances are very good. We accept cash and/or personal checks. Please no company or corporate checks.

## AGC of America Conference

September 21-23 | Orlando, FL [REGISTER HERE](#)

Experience for yourself how the AGC Annual Convention provides contractors of all sizes and markets the opportunity to gain a competitive advantage, to help protect key business interests, make important industry connections, and prepare for industry disruptions. Guaranteed to deliver the same great content, speaker series, and networking events it always has! From the jobsite to the back-office to the halls of government, the AGC Annual Convention provides business-critical insights into the issues commercial contractors are facing and the actionable strategies needed to deal with them. With a full slate of education breakout sessions, keynote presentations from superstars of the industry, and cutting-edge solutions from more than 50 companies in the AGC Equipment, Technology & Construction Solutions Expo, the convention is the place for construction superintendents, project managers, and senior executives to hone their knowledge while making connections that open doors to new opportunities. **All employees of member companies are invited to register!**

[Find additional information about the AGC Equipment, Technology & Construction Solutions Expo and other convention details here.](#) **AGC of America 2021 Annual Convention**



## PTAC Tip of the Month

### 4th Quarter Federal Spending: *Is your SAM profile ready?*



August starts the 4th quarter for the federal fiscal year. The last push for federal spending is upon us which means that the turnaround for federal solicitations will become shorter and shorter.

Contracting staff must have all contract activity executed by fiscal year end and they cannot wait for a company to get their SAM profile activated and may opt to move to the next qualified proposal. To make sure that your company doesn't lose any potential contracts, ensure that your SAM profile is active!

When GSA merged the SAM and Beta.SAM websites, the decision was made to extend the SAM expiration date by 180 days for profiles expiring between April 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021. Entity administrators impacted by this change will receive an email from samadmin@sam.gov with the subject line "180-Day SAM.gov Extension Granted for [Entity Name/DUNS/CAGE]." If your SAM profile is due to expire before September 30th, ensure that the registration extension has been applied to your account. Make sure your company is contract award ready by verifying that your SAM profile will remain active at least 30 days past the bid due date.

Not sure how to access your SAM profile on the new SAM.gov website? Let the Alaska PTAC provide technical assistance! Contact Jody King to schedule an appointment by email at [jlking8@alaska.edu](mailto:jlking8@alaska.edu) or via phone at (907) 786-7270.

[Click HERE](#) to check out the great training opportunities (for free) at Alaska PTAC.

## Notification of NW AGC Retirement Fee Holiday

The Board of Trustees of the Northwest AGC Chapters Retirement Plan is committed to delivering excellence while keeping plan expenses low. Due to efficient budget management and an expanding market, the Plan has a higher than anticipated reserve fee balance. The Trustees have decided to waive participant administrative fees for July, August and September. Instead, these funds will remain in participant accounts and continue to experience earnings growth. The Board is happy to be able to offer this additional savings opportunity to all participants, as it continues to become even more competitively priced.

An advertisement for the NAWIC Golf Tournament. The background is a green grassy field. At the top center is the NAWIC logo, which includes the text "NAWIC" in large white letters and "The National Association of Women in Construction" in smaller red and white text below it. In the center, the word "GOLF" is written in large, 3D-style white letters with a green outline. A golf ball is positioned between the 'O' and 'L'. Below the word "GOLF" is a circular logo for the tournament, featuring a red silhouette of a woman's figure. To the right of the "GOLF" text, the word "TOURNAMENT" is written in white capital letters. Below "TOURNAMENT", the date and time "Aug 26, 2021 | 7am" and the location "Anchorage Golf Course" are listed in yellow text. In the bottom left corner, there is a red button with the text "CLICK HERE" and a white hand cursor icon pointing to it. In the top right corner, there is a red starburst shape with the text "Become a sponsor!" in white.

# ANNIVERSARIES

## GENERAL

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COLASKA, INC. - 38  
HARMON CONSTRUCTION, INC. - 21  
ALASKA FRONTIER CONSTRUCTORS, INC. - 16  
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GUNDERSEN PAINTING, INC. - 35  
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GRAZZINI BROTHERS & COMPANY - 15  
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CARPENTER CONTRACTING, INC. - 6  
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