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The AGC Annual Golf Tournaments are taking place this year in **Anchorage on June 15th** at Moose Run Golf Course and in **Fairbanks on July 13th** and we would like your support. Here are some ways for your company to get involved in Anchorage:

1. **Sponsor** the Golf Tournaments.

[Click here to Sponsor the Anchorage Golf Tournament](#)

[Click here to Sponsor the Fairbanks Golf Tournament](#)

2. **Volunteer** to help out during the tournaments. Do you have a staff member who could help out at the Golf Courses either hole watching or participating at one of the activities we'll have on the course?

3. **Donate Door Prizes or Goody Bag Items** We love to give our golfers door prizes. So if you have something you'd like to donate, or put into our golf goody bag (180 each in Anchorage & Fairbanks), please drop it by the AGC offices or call for a pickup. (What a great advertising opportunity.)

4. **GOLF!** Our Anchorage Golf Teams are currently sold out but if you'd like to be added to the waitlist, or for more information on the Anchorage Golf Tournament, email Kimberley at email Kimberley@agcak.org. [Click here to download the Anchorage Golf Sponsorship Form](#). For information about Sponsorship Opportunities and Golf Teams for the Fairbanks Golf Tournament, please click [HERE](#) or email Anna at anna@agcak.org. [Click here to download the Fairbanks Golf Sponsorship & Team Registration Form](#).

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## Special points of interest

- [Click here](#) to check out the AGC Online Calendar for updated information on Events & Training.
- If you have news or an event you'd like to share with other AGC members, contact [Kimberley@agcak.org](mailto:Kimberley@agcak.org).

# AGC Safety Stand-Down Photo Contest

A Safety Stand-Down is a voluntary event for employers to talk directly to employees about safety. Any workplace can hold a stand-down by taking a break to focus on "Fall Hazards" and reinforcing the importance of "Fall Prevention".

✔ "Preventing Fatalities in the Construction Industry," a report by the Associated General Contractors of America, found that falls from ladders and other heights are the primary cause of construction fatalities and that noon is the deadliest time of day. Stephen Sandherr, AGC's CEO, suggests that firms hold their safety and "tool box" talks at noon, when most workers return from lunch.

The AGC Safety Committee has put together a Safety Stand-Down handout on the Steps to organize your own jobsite Fall Protection Stand-Down, and is having an AGC of Alaska Stand-Down Photo Contest.

[Click here for the Safety Stand-Down Flyer](#) and [Click here for the Safety Stand-Down Handout](#) and find out how you might be able to win Lunch for up to 30, Selected PPE, & a Safety Plaque.

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## PTAC NOTICE: SAM UPDATE

In the May 2018 PTAC newsletter, an article was posted regarding notarized letter requirements for new System for Award Management (SAM) registrations. **What was not reported is A NEW REQUIREMENT FOR ALL UP-DATE AND RENEWALS EFFECTIVE APRIL 27 2018.**

GSA is requiring all SAM users to provide (via snail mail) an original hard copy, notarized letter identifying the authorized Entity Administrator. This requirement went into place on March 22, 2018 for new registrants. Effective April 27, 2018, existing registrants are now required to submit such a notarized letter confirming their authorized Entity Administrator before they can update or make changes to their SAM registration. Be aware because of this new requirement, activation may take up to a few weeks instead of a few days.

These letters are required to be submitted to the GSA Federal Service Desk in hard copy to the following address:

FEDERAL SERVICE DESK  
ATTN: SAM.GOV REGISTRATION PROCESSING  
460 INDUSTRIAL BLVD  
LONDON, KY 40741-7285  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

It is recommended you use the templates issued by GSA. [Click here for further instructions.](#) There are more anticipated changes coming and PTAC will do its best to keep you informed!

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## *SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program*

### "We Open Doors to Bonding for Small Business"

Are you a small business that's new to the contract bonding process? Already bonded, but need a higher bond limits? How about posting collateral or using funds control to get bonding? Are you paying more than 4% rate for your bonding? If you answered yes to one or more of the above questions, the SBA surety bond program can assist you open up doors for success!

**Who should attend:** Small businesses that perform contractual work and want to know more about obtaining contract bonds.

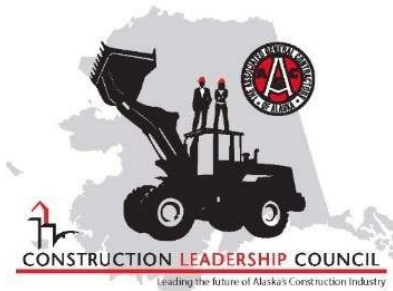
**Guest Speaker:** SBA Underwriter Marketing Specialist, Kevin Valdes, will be presenting on the program, qualification requirements, and he will address your questions. Deputy District Director, Marichu Relativo, will moderate the workshop. There will be networking opportunity before and after the workshop.

**Webinar will be available:** If you cannot attend in person, you can participate via webinar. Registration is required to receive access information. [Click here for more information or to register.](#)

## CLC Excellence Award Lunch Series

Open to all members!

Mark your calendar to attend one or all of the “Parker, Smith & Feek Excellence Award” CLC Luncheon Series.



May 9<sup>th</sup> – CLC Excellence Award Lunch Series: Turnagain Marine Construction – Kodiak Channel Transient Float Replacement Project  
[Click here to RSVP](#)

May 30<sup>th</sup> – CLC Excellence Award Lunch Series: Klebs Mechanical, Inc. – Riverview at the Bluffs Project. [Click here to RSVP](#)

## Henry Springer Bon Voyage Party

Henry Springer is throwing himself a Bon Voyage party. As he battles cancer, he has decided that he would love to spend some time with friends and acquaintances. Please RSVP with him so he can give a proper food count. RSVP to [oksun@gci.net](mailto:oksun@gci.net).

DATE: Saturday, May 12, 2018 from 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM

PLACE: O'Malley's on the Green, Foraker Room

ADDRESS: 3651 O'Malley Rd., Anchorage, AK 99507



## FREE May Lunch & Learn 3 Part Silica Series

Need more information on the new updated OSHA Crystalline Silica Standard? AGC is hosting a three part Silica Series to provide you with detailed information on each of the compliance sections.

Join us for one, or all, of these Free Lunch & Learn Silica topics. They include:

[May 8th ~ Alternative Exposure Controls,](#)

[May 17th ~ Medical & Respirators &](#)

[May 22nd ~ Specific Exposure Controls.](#)

[Click here to view the Silica Lunch & Learn Flyer](#)



[Click here to RSVP](#)

or Contact [Kimberley](#) for more information.

# Avoiding Fines through Safe Digging

On April 12, ENSTAR and the Southcentral Alaska Utilities Association hosted the Third Annual Safe Digging Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Anchorage. The event was attended by more than 120 Anchorage-area contractors and excavators. Attendees saw presentations from Forrest Roy (ML&P); Brandon Field (AKOSH); Mike McCurtain (ENSTAR); and Dave Mulligan (PHMSA). The presentations emphasized that following safe digging practices is the key to worker safety and public safety on job sites. These practices include: calling 811 two days before digging; respecting locates (no digging within tolerance zone, no piggybacking); and having a proper exit plan when trenching. ENSTAR also introduced changes to damage claims for 2018; triple charges will now be assessed for every damage caused by gross negligence. Examples of gross negligence include: no locates, operating machinery within the tolerance zone, and attempts to conceal damages. Please call Mike McCurtain with any questions: 334-7793 or [Mike.mccurtain@enstarnaturalgas.com](mailto:Mike.mccurtain@enstarnaturalgas.com).

Below are a few more details:

The conference was a joint effort between Southcentral Alaska Utility Association (SCAUA) and ENSTAR Natural Gas Company. The goal was to update contractors on digging safely around utilities and prevent damages. A few highlights from the presentations:

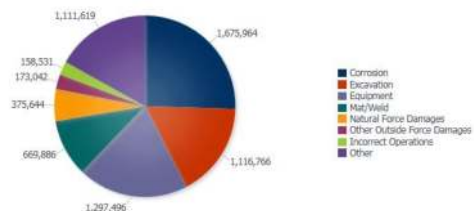
- While on a downward trend, third party damages to gas lines still happen at a higher rate in Alaska than in the lower 48 (see below for graphs).
- 1/3 of gas line damages in 2017 could have been prevented had 811 been called by the damaging party.
- The federal government's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) is the enforcement agency in Alaska and reminded attendees of the state and federal regulations:
  - Excavators MUST call 811 before digging
  - Operator marking within 2 days of notification
  - Exemption less than 12-inches for agriculture
  - 24 inch tolerance zone, dig with care
  - 15 day ticket life
  - Notify operator of damage
  - **Fines \$50-\$1000 (PHMSA federal will be \$200k- \$2M)**
    - Project owner responsibilities include but not limited to include safe digging practices in contracts, screen contractors, confirm locate ticket (no piggy-backing), confirm markings; confirm relocates, etc.
- Data shows that when a locate request (811) preceded an excavation, damage was avoided 99% of the time.
- 2018 ENSTAR Damage Policy Changes:
  - ENSTAR will commence assessing treble damages as authorized by Alaska Statute 42.20.030
  - Fact sensitive inquiry
  - Gross negligence exhibited
  - Past company damage history –multiple damages
  - Prior notification regarding digging unsafely
  - Not calling 811 for Locates
  - Public awareness resources

**Communication is the most powerful tool we have to prevent damages.**

**ENSTAR's Safety/Public Awareness Department is available to provide training to contractors on safe digging practices. Contact Enstar at 907-334-7793 or Mike at [mike.mccurtain@enstarnaturalgas.com](mailto:mike.mccurtain@enstarnaturalgas.com).**

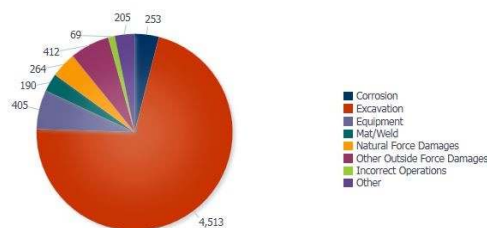
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STATE: ALASKA





## [Bid Express Web Training Sign-up is Now Open!](#)

You **MUST** be on the Alaska DOT&PF Vendor list to do the following after May 14th, 2018 to (1) Register on the Plan Holders List & (2) Submit a bid (either electronic or by mail). Get your company on the Alaska DOT&PF AASHTO-Ware Vendor List now! If you have already registered, check to make sure you're on it. [Click Here for Instructions.](#)

Bid Express Training is now open and class dates are filling fast. [Click here to sign up.](#)



## Upcoming Events - AGC

### **FREE Silica Lunch & Learn 3 part Series. 11:45 am to 1:15 pm**

Join us for one, or all, of these Lunch & Learn Silica topics. They include:

[May 8 ~ Alternative Exposure Controls](#)

[May 17 ~ Medical & Respirators](#)

[May 22 ~ Specific Exposure Controls.](#)

Click the dates above to register.

### **Anchorage Golf Tournament**

June 15, 2018

Moose Run Golf Course

Registration for the Anchorage Golf Tournament is Sold Out. Email

Kimberley@agcak.org to be added to the waitlist. [Click here to Sponsor.](#)

### **Fairbanks Golf Tournament**

July 13, 2018

Chena Bend Golf Course, FWW

[For more information on the Fairbanks Golf Tournament click here.](#)

## National Park Service Historic Preservation Training

Free 3-day workshop, May 15-17, 2018 at the Pioneer School House in Anchorage.

### Course Description

This workshop will present a working knowledge of historic preservation principles which inform the execution of skilled trades work on cultural resources in the field. Upon completion, participants will have a deeper understanding of how treatment decisions are developed, how resources are evaluated and how compliance, laws and the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation are directly connected to the work performed by trades personnel.

### Who Should Attend:

This training is geared towards field-based trades personnel who work directly on cultural resources in the performance of preservation work on a daily, and project basis. It is also suited to contractors, engineers, architects and historic building owners. Support is also provided by the Municipality of Anchorage, American Institute of Architects and Alaska Association for Historic Preservation.

[Click here to Register](#)

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