# AGC of Alaska NEWSLETTER



September 2020



# Ballot Measure 1 raises oil taxes by 150% to 300%

The oil and gas industry supports over one-quarter of Alaska's workforce and has been Alaska's largest taxpayer over the last 40 years. Since 1977, over 80% of Alaska's unrestricted revenue has come from oil and gas in the form of production taxes, royalties, property tax, and corporate income tax. Currently, the oil industry still provides the largest source of revenue from the private sector for public services and infrastructure improvements, supports the Permanent Fund, and supports 1/4 of all jobs (77,000) in Alaska.

The state receives four main revenue streams from the oil and gas industry: royalty, production tax, corporate income tax, and property tax. The industry also pays other fees such as the conservation fund and others. Ballot Measure 1 would increase the production tax. At current prices (\$40/barrel)

150% to 300%+ PRODUCTION TAX INCREASE

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the increase would be about \$265 million more in production tax. At \$60/barrel the increase would be about \$800 million.

This is a critical time for the industry. **The voices of its employees must be heard**. The most credible source of information regarding a ballot measure that would impact the industry, are those who work in it. Employees can speak with conviction, expertise, and first-hand knowledge about the catastrophic impacts of Ballot Measure 1. **Tell your friends, family, neighbors, everyone, to vote no on Ballot Measure 1.** 

If you would like to have someone come speak to your workplace, <u>click HERE</u> to schedule a virtual or in person presentation. <u>Join the OneALASKA Coalition as an individual</u> & Stop by the AGC office and pick up a yard sign.

This communication was paid for by AGC of Alaska in support of OneALASKA - Vote No on 1.

#### <u> AGC Excellence Awards</u>

The <u>Parker, Smith & Feek "Excellence in Construction"</u> and the <u>ConocoPhillips "Excellence in Safety"</u> Award applications are now available on the AGC of Alaska website. Click on the award name to download the forms. <u>Deadline for the Excellence in Construction and Excellence in Safety forms is <u>Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020.</u> Please contact <u>Kimberley@agcak.org</u> with any questions.</u>



AGC of America CRP Build America Awards Application Site is Now Open! <a href="https://www.agc.org/about-us/awards-recognition-programs/build-america-awards">https://www.agc.org/about-us/awards-recognition-programs/build-america-awards</a>. Deadline 10/21/20.



Check out the AGC of Alaska Podcast Series

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#### Special points of interest

- <u>Click here</u> 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 <u>Kimberley@agcak.org</u>.



After careful consideration, and meetings with your AGC Executive Board members, the Conference Committee and the AGC staff, I have the difficult duty of announcing that the in-person AGC Annual Conference scheduled for November 11-14, 2020 at the Hotel Captain Cook has been cancelled. This was not an easy decision, but with the current mandates in effect, and ultimately the public health and safety of our attendees, vendors, speakers, staff and volunteers led all parties to conclude that cancelling the face-to-face meeting was the safe and responsible action.

Member participation and sponsorship of AGC's first virtual conference will be critical components to the development and success of this event. More details will be released in the weeks to follow as we prioritize and plan various aspects of the conference.

Now more than ever, the construction industry must come together and focus on the future, while **remaining** an **essential industry and keeping our jobsites and workforce safe.** Keeping your projects moving forward and not jeopardizing opportunity for the construction industry in Alaska is our number one priority.

Thank you for your understanding, and please exercise care and caution in the days ahead to take the best of care for your families, friends, colleagues, and community. ~~ Alicia Siira, AGC of Alaska Executive Director

# 2021 Legislative Priorities!

It is that time of year again where we are asking for your feedback on AGC's legislative priorities for 2021! As you may recall from last year, we implemented a new process where we reached out to each member and sought your input and feedback on what our 2020 legislative priorities should be. We are going to do that same process this year! We seek each member's input because, in order to best represent the construction industry, we need to hear from the **entire** industry. So please, take some time to review our <u>2020 Legislative</u> Priorities and fill out the 2021 Priority Submittal form which will be sent to you in early September.

# We Kept America Building

During the darkest days of the coronavirus, much of the American economy was ordered closed, leaving businesses reeling and many workers without jobs. But AGC of America made the case that construction could find a way to keep going while protecting workers and the public. And we will make sure the construction industry leads the recovery. Are you a member of AGC? Associations were made for times like these, and we are proud to support our members and advocate on behalf of the construction industry in Alaska. <u>Click HERE</u> for the "We Kept America Building" Video, and click <u>HERE</u> for the 6 page Special Report.



## **AGC Conference Corner**





Join Wally Adamchik for the 2020 Marsh & McLennan Management Symposium at the November Virtual Annual Conference.

November 11-13
<u>Click HERE</u> to learn more about Wally Adamchik

#### Emotional Intelligence – A Deep Dive into soft skills for a hard industry

Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is widely misunderstood. EQ was never about being nice to people, it is about understanding the impact of emotions (visible and hidden) on decision making, leadership and building effective relationships. This session will briefly introduce EQ but then deeply focus on two important areas; optimism and stress tolerance. In times of uncertainty these two unique elements of EQ are proving to be the difference between success and failure. This is all made even more challenging as we lead and manage remotely. Things that come easily face to face are harder in the virtual world. This makes understanding EQ even more important. This session will help you assess where you are in these areas and give you usable tools and ideas to improve.

#### **VUCA** Leadership

The U.S. Army War College introduced the concept of VUCA to describe the more volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world resulting from the end of the Cold War. This is exactly the environment leaders find themselves in today. Leadership 101 is a great start but the VUCA challenges of today require leaders at all levels to be better. How do you motivate in a virtual VUCA world? How do you engage people when you are one browser tab away from distraction? People are anxious and concerned and great leadership must address this. This hard-hitting interactive session will answer those questions and help participants see their path forward with proven techniques to overcome the challenges they face.

## AGC/PAC Raffle Tickets are on sale!



Don't miss your chance to win \$10,000! Purchase your ticket(s) today from one of your AGC Board Members or AGC staff. Tickets are \$100, with only 500 tickets being sold. We accept cash and personal checks only. Please no company or corporate checks and no credit cards will be accepted. The Drawing will be held on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

It is very important to buy your PAC tickets **this year** and to buy them **early** because we have a General election on November 3rd! This is a big year for elections as the General Election ballot includes U.S. Senate, U.S. House, State Senate, State House and ballot initiatives. The earlier we can get your PAC tickets, the more money we will have available to help support the candidates who support our industry. **Our goal is to collect all PAC ticket sales by late September** in order to make campaign contributions prior to the election.

Thank you for your support of the construction industry!

For your convenience, AGC Staff is happy to come and pick up your PAC ticket sales, to save you some time!







# Why Mental Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention are Leadership Issues in Construction

Join us for a webinar on Sept. 16, 2020 at 10:30 AM AKDT.

#### CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

Before COVID-19, construction and society had a mental health, substance misuse and suicide problem. The unprecedented uncertainty of COVID-19 created major stress, anxiety, fear and worries among workers and their families. Alaska has the 4th highest rate of suicide. This session focuses on WHY these topics are a leadership imperative for leaders at all levels throughout the Alaska construction industry and other high risk industries, such as fishing, maritime, mining, oil/gas exploration, forestry, and manufacturing. Learn what you can do to help promote mental wellbeing and reduce risk of substance misuse and suicide in your company and your industry.

#### **Learning Objectives**

- Demonstrate how to break the stigma of mental health and suicide
- Illustrate why mental health and suicide prevention are workplace issues
- Identify the industry and demographic risk factors that lead to suicide
- How to Incorporate suicide prevention into safety, health, wellness culture
- Recognize the resources for employers to address these topics with employees and families
- \* This is a Free webinar.
- \*\* Please note that the webinar participants are limited to 500.

Co-Hosted by: Alaska State Suicide Prevention Council & AGC of Alaska

Presenter: Cal Beyer, Vice President; Workforce Risk & Worker Wellbeing CSDZ

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

### Join the USACE for an upcoming RMS 3.0 Training

Thursday, September 3 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Who Should Attend this Course? Contractor personnel directly involved with daily quality control, reports, submittals, correspondence, pay requests on a USACE construction contract."

<u>Click HERE</u> to RSVP for this FREE training!

# In Memoriam ~ AGC Hard Hat & Past President Patrick Steward

AGC Hard Hat and Past President, Patrick Steward, passed away on Tuesday, August 18th. Pat was AGC President in 1987 and received the Hard Hat award in 1989. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date after COVID-19 concerns are resolved.

# Alaska Business Publishing Co. to Publish The Alaska Contractor Magazine

US Army Corps of Engineers



**ANCHORAGE**—Alaska Business Publishing Co. (ABPC) is excited to announce it will begin publishing *The Alaska Contractor* magazine and Annual Membership Directory for the Associated General Contractors of Alaska beginning with the Winter 2021 edition. The agreement marks another step forward in ABPC's mission of promoting economic growth in the state through discussion and analysis of the issues and trends affecting Alaska's business sector.

"A partnership between AGC of Alaska and ABPC is a natural fit as both organizations are deeply invested in the success of the Alaskan business community," says Charles Bell, Vice President of Sales at ABPC. "As the new publisher of *The Alaska Contractor*, we are committed to continuing AGC's mission of advocating for the construction industry."

AGC of Alaska's *The Alaska Contractor* magazine is published quarterly and features the latest developments in the Alaska construction industry. *The Alaska Contractor* also provides readers with news and information about happenings at AGC of Alaska, which provides expert advice and guidance related to the construction industry to state and federal agencies, private groups, and other trade organizations.

"ABPC is honored to have been selected as the publisher of AGC of Alaska's *The Alaska Contractor* magazine and annual Membership Directory," says Jason Martin, General Manager and Vice President of Alaska Business Publishing Co. "We are excited to help continue the legacy AGC of Alaska began in 1948. Our two organizations can learn a lot from each and we are thrilled at this opportunity to evolve together."

ABPC will also publish and distribute AGC of Alaska's annual Membership Directory which is distributed exclusively to members statewide.

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## NEW Alaska's Department of Labor's Pamphlet 600 to be announced September 1!

Alaska's Department of Labor's Pamphlet 600 is designed to help contractors awarded public construction contracts understand the most significant laws of the State of Alaska pertaining to prevailing wage. This pamphlet identifies current prevailing wage rates for public construction contracts (any construction projects awarded for the State of Alaska or its political subdivisions, such as local governments and certain nonprofit organizations).

Want more prevailing wage information? The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) announced that it will offer virtual compliance assistance seminars for contracting agencies, contractors, unions, workers, and other stakeholders to provide information about the legal requirements to pay prevailing wages on federally funded construction and service contracts. To register click <a href="Davis-Bacon Act Virtual Prevailing Wage Seminar">Davis-Bacon Act Virtual Prevailing Wage Seminar</a>. For pre-recorded presentations, <a href="click background-click">click background-click backgr