Industry News

Construction Resumes May 7

Governor Whitmer recently signed Executive Order 2020-70 allowing some types of work, including construction, to resume on May 7, 2020. We urge you to review the Order and note the COVID-19 protocols outlined on pages 11 and 12. AGC Safety Director, Paul Wrzesinski, along with safety subcommittee members, have developed some excellent guidance, checklists and more for returning to work. This information is available on the Chapter's website. In addition, Paul is available to address any concerns you may have relative to safety issues and COVID-19 upon getting back to work.

In addition, the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) have developed guidance on best practices to help protect Michigan workers and reduce the spread of COVID-19. LEO, in collaboration with leaders and experts from industry, and state and local public health, have developed these guidelines to assist construction industry employers understand the requirements under the Governor’s order. The best practice guidelines can be found on LEO’s website.

As you return to work, it is important to remember despite the fact that the cause of the challenges ahead is completely unprecedented, the best tools to protect you and your business are the same every day best practices in use before the arrival of the novel corona virus. Few industries are as well suited to protecting workers as the construction industry. Contractors are used to following complex and ever-changing safety rules and finding ways to make inherently dangerous work safe. AGC of America has developed a new website designed to highlight how the construction industry is working to protect construction workers and the public from the spread of the coronavirus. >>Visit the site

Labor Relations Update

2020 Collective Bargaining Has Begun

Settlement has been reached on one agreement and initial discussions have begun on the remaining agreements, with formal negotiations to begin soon. A summary of the 2020 negotiations to date is as follows:
Laborers Local 1329 – Upper Peninsula: Settlement was reached on April 22, 2020 on a five-year agreement which will expire on April 30, 2025. The settlement provides for a total package increase for the Industrial Classification of $2.00/hour (5.5%) effective May 1, 2020; $2.00/hour (5.2%) effective May 1, 2021; $1.75/hour (4.3%) effective May 1, 2022; $1.75/hour (4.2%) effective May 1, 2023; and $1.50/hour (3.4%) effective May 1, 2024.

Bricklayers Local 2 – Refractory Agreement: The agreement has been extended through July 31, 2020. Initial discussions have begun and formal negotiations will begin soon. The parties have agreed to combine the Refractory Agreement with the Bricklayers Local 2 Outstate Agreement.

Detroit Cement Masons – OPCMIA Local 514 & Bricklayers Local 2: These two agreements are being negotiated jointly. The agreements expire on May 31, 2020. Proposals have been exchanged, however no settlement has yet been reached.

Bricklayers Local 2 – Outstate Agreement: Agreement expires on July 31, 2020. Initial discussions have begun and formal negotiations will begin soon.


Safety Training

Construction Safety Training Support Program

Looking for Safety Training? We’ve got you covered.

The Construction Safety Training Support Program (CSTS) serves all Michigan Contractors with safety and health training needs at NO COST. Training includes:

- Mobile On Site Training
- Regional Public Forums for New MIOSHA Standards
- Advanced Safety & Health Training
- Outreach Forum on New Personnel

Contractors are encouraged to use this service in addition to their company training efforts. Learn more here.

Questions about the CSTS program can be directed to Paul Wrzesinski or at (517) 908-8056.

OSHA Training Line Up for 2020 at AGC Michigan

AGC Michigan is once again partnering with the Great Lakes OSHA Education Center of Eastern Michigan University to bring OSHA Training Institute (OTI) courses to Mid-Michigan. AGC Michigan will be hosting one remaining course in 2020 at its Lansing office as shown below.


AGC Members are eligible for a 10% discount in these sessions.

The schedule and additional course details are available here.

Please direct any questions to Paul Wrzesinski or Adriane Brandon or at (517) 371-1550.
Continuing Education

BIM Series Kicks Off This Summer

Building Information Modeling (BIM) is changing the way projects are constructed. Whether you are a prime contractor using BIM across an entire project or a subcontractor impacted by a specific BIM implementation, this emerging practice requires new mindsets and technological know-how in order to achieve significant improvements in efficiency and cost control.

AGC Michigan has scheduled Units 1-4 during the month of July. >>Register here

For more information contact Viki Gotts, Director, Education at vgotts@agcmichigan.org.

Upcoming Events

Join us on the Greens! Golf ‘Fore’ Education Outing

The AGC Michigan has decided to move forward with its Golf ‘Fore’ Education Outing on June 17 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth. The rules will be different, but the cause remains the same. This even is for all level of players, and we invite you to join us on the course for a fun filled experience. Online registration is now open. >>Learn more

The AGC Michigan has a number of continuing education, safety and networking events scheduled, and encourages CIAP members to take part. Visit the AGC Michigan’s upcoming events webpage for a current list of programs.

Special Offers

As a contractor signatory to an AGC Michigan Collective Bargaining Agreement, your firm is eligible for significant savings on its mobile phone bill if you sign-up for the AGC/NPP Verizon Program. Dozens of contractors affiliated with AGC already enjoy a 22% discount on their monthly bill and you can too! There’s no additional charge for the program. Just sign-up and start saving money every month. Additional savings are available on accessories as well as an 18% discount on personal phones used by you and your employees. For more information contact Michael Smith, 248-763-8520 or call NPP directly, 800-810-3909. You can also sign-up by going to www.mynpp.com and click “Join Now.” Be sure to use the AGC Michigan Chapter code “24B” when you enroll.