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Significant Construction Industry Victories for AGC in \$2.3 Trillion COVID-Relief and Federal Government Funding Package

On December 21, 2020, Congress passed a \$2.3 trillion, [5,593-page](#) COVID-relief and federal government funding package. President Trump signed it into law on December 27. Although not everything AGC of America fought for made it into the package, there are many significant construction industry priorities that AGC secured, including:

- Blocking a surprise federal tax increase of up to 37% on Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness by overturning the IRS position barring deductions for PPP loan-forgiven business expenses. It should be noted that the State of California is not allowing this tax deduction, but AGC San Diego is advocating for it.
- Enabling eligible contractors to claim tax credits up to \$14,000 per employee through an extension of the Employee Retention Tax Credit into 2021.
- Securing \$46 billion for the federal-aid highway and transit programs to help ensure ongoing and planned highway and transit construction projects move forward through at least September 30, 2021



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- Providing \$10 billion for state departments of transportation to help mitigate the impacts of transportation revenue losses on bid letting delays and project cancellations
- Ensuring that some of the \$82 billion for public and private K-12 schools and higher education in COVID-relief is eligible for construction/renovation projects related to pandemic needs
- Obtaining \$25 billion in tax incentives for community buildings development through the extension of the New Markets Tax Credit for five years
- Expanding tax credits for constructing more than 550,000 multifamily housing units via the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
- Securing nearly \$3 billion for wastewater and drinking water infrastructure investment
- Guaranteeing the investment of an additional \$10 billion towards harbor maintenance dredging

AGC of America has provided an [extensive five-page Analysis of this Funding Package](#) for the construction industry. It provides a broad overview of the many provisions within the package and categorizes: 1) Policies impacting public and private construction markets; 2) Tax and fiscal policies impacting construction firms; and 3) Policies impacting the construction workforce.

DOL Publishes Guidance on FFCRA Paid Leave Expiration

Tax Credits for Voluntarily Providing Leave Temporarily Extended

As we reported last week, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave requirements expired on December 31, 2020. The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has posted additional guidance, in the form of [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (see questions 104 & 105) on the WHD website, and it addresses whether workers who did not use their leave entitlement under the FFCRA in 2020 may use such leave after December 31, 2020. It also explains how WHD will maintain its enforcement authority over employers' leave responsibilities while the FFCRA's paid leave requirements were in effect, even after these leave entitlements have expired.



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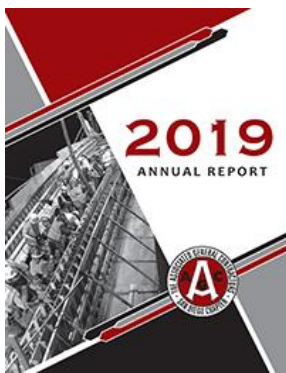
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Additionally, the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021, extended employer tax credits for paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave voluntarily provided to employees until March 31, 2021. The IRS has not updated its guidance yet, but existing guidance on the eligible tax credits can be found [here](#).

Reminder - California's Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Requirements Expired December 31, 2020

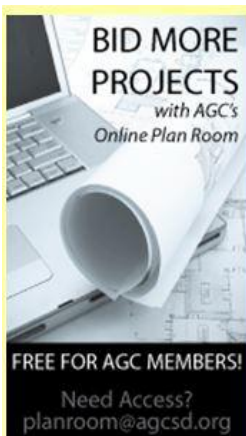
As we reported last week, California's Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (SPSL) requirements, which were tied to the federal requirements discussed in the previous article, expired effective December 31, 2020.

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It is expected that Democratic Congressional Representatives will push for another sick leave mandate once President-elect Biden takes office on January 20. We can also expect our state legislators, and various local entities throughout the state, to take similar action. The mandates could be made retroactive to January 1, 2021, so contractors should be prepared for that possibility.

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Jan. 6 - 7 VIRTUAL **CQM-C** Registration closed December 29th

Jan. 13- VIRTUAL **Business Writing and Construction Correspondence**

Jan. 13 - LIVE **Silica CPT**

Jan. 18 - VIRTUAL **Fall Protection Refresher** for 24-hour CPT

Jan. 21- LIVE **Construction Estimating Basics**

Jan. 25 - 28 - LIVE **OSHA 30-Hour Construction Outreach**

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JANUARY MEETINGS

Jan. 20 - **Build & Serve Charitable Alliance** - 7:30 a.m. - **Virtual**

Jan. 21 - **Meetings & Events** - 12:00 p.m. - **Virtual**

Jan. 21 - **City Liaison** - 1:00 p.m. - **Virtual**

Jan. 27 - **Airport Liaison** - 11:00 a.m. - **Virtual**

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Feb. 10 - **Education Committee** - 11:30 a.m. - **Virtual**

Feb. 12 - **Technology Committee** - 12:00 p.m. - **Virtual**

Feb. 18 - **Affiliate Council** - 11:30 a.m. - **TBA**

Feb. 25 - **Specialty Council** - 11:30 a.m. - **TBA**

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About Monday Morning Quarterback

AGC San Diego Chapter's Monday Morning Quarterback is a "hot off the press" and to the point Monday morning briefing on the important issues facing San Diego's construction industry. It is prepared by AGC Chief Executive Officer, Eddie Sprecco, and Executive Vice President, Brad Barnum.

Please contact [Eddie Sprecco](#) or [Brad Barnum](#) with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 3,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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