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INDUSTRY NEWS

Partial Shutdown Continues and State Budget Released

By Dustin Steiner, Executive Vice President

Here we go again. On Friday night, the US Senate passed a five-bill, nine-month continuing resolution to keep the government funded through September. The bill returned to the House this morning where it faces an uncertain future as House Democrats have said they will not support it and Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) can only afford to lose one GOP vote. Unless and until the House passes the Senate-approved bill, the federal Departments of Defense, State, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Treasury are all officially shut down. At the heart of the negotiations is a two-week deal for the Department of Homeland Security which houses Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Speaker Johnson has said the government will be funded by Tuesday.

Back in the Golden State, the Governor released the final budget of his term. AGC San Diego's legislative advocates in Sacramento, the **Pacific Coast Capitol Advisors**, put together some highlights below:

Top Line Numbers

- Total Budget: \$348.9 billion (Current fiscal year: \$321.1 billion)
- General Fund (GF): \$248.3 billion
- Reserves: \$23 billion
 - \$14.4 billion – Rainy Day Fund
 - \$4.5 billion – Special Fund for Economic Uncertainty (SFEU)
 - \$4.1 billion – Public School Rainy Day Fund
- Revenues: \$42.3 billion before transfers
 - Personal Income tax totals \$36.7 billion (approximately 60 percent of GF)
 - Corporation Tax (approximately 19 percent of GF)
 - Sales and Use Tax (approximately 15 percent of GF)
- Deficit: \$2.9 billion
 - Proposed to be addressed by suspending \$2.8 billion true up of the SFEU
 - Similar suspension occurred in current fiscal year budget

**Note that this does not account for December revenues (\$3 billion)*

Key Budget Elements

Environment, Energy, and Air Quality

- *Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF)* - \$1.7 million ongoing ACF and 10 positions to implement the state and local government elements of the ACF regulation
- *Community Air Protection and Monitoring (SB 352)* - \$1.6 million ongoing Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for 5.2 positions to update the statewide air monitoring plan every five years
- *Public Financing of Clean Energy Transmission Projects* - \$322.5 million to the California Infrastructure Economic Development Bank (IBank) to support the California Transmission Accelerator Revolving Fund
- *National Priorities and Orphan Sites* - \$40.2 million one-time special funds to clean up contaminated brownfields and Superfund sites to protect public health and encourage revitalization

Labor

- *Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Loan Interest* - \$662.2 million one-time General Fund to pay the annual interest payment on the state's Unemployment Insurance loan balance
- *Apprenticeship Training Grant Augmentation* - \$18.2 million one-time Apprenticeship Training Contribution Fund in 2026-27, \$18.1 million one-time in 2027-28, and \$17.8 million one-time in 2028-29 and 2029-30 for Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) grants to approved apprenticeship programs in construction and related trades
- *Cal/OSHA Centralized Complaint and Report Intake Unit* - \$5.9 million Occupational Safety and Health Fund in 2026-27, \$5.3 million in 2027-28 and ongoing, and 35 permanent positions for DIR to create a centralized complaint and report intake unit within Cal/OSHA

Infrastructure

The Governor's proposed budget includes his five-year infrastructure plan of \$58.5 billion. In consideration of the current fiscal outlook, the Plan addresses only the most critical investments in capital assets that support core state functions, including fire and life safety and/or court-ordered projects. This plan does not mean funds will become available, but signal infrastructure projects that may be funded in current and future budgets.

Infrastructure Plan—Proposed Spending
(Dollars in Thousands)

Capital Expenditures: Program Area	Five-Year Capital Funding
Transportation	\$51,260,821
Judicial Branch	2,744,235
Natural Resources	1,978,927
Education	1,183,660
Health and Human Services	719,269
General Government	507,845
Corrections and Rehabilitation	78,493
Total	\$58,473,250

The Governor's proposed budget includes the following infrastructure projects:

Transportation

The budget maintains the entirety of one-time transportation investments included in the 2025 Budget Act, totaling \$14.6 billion as follows:

- \$7.6 billion for high-priority transit and rail infrastructure projects

- \$4.2 billion from Proposition 1A for the High-Speed Rail Authority to continue building the 119-mile Central Valley Segment from Madera to just north of Bakersfield
- \$1 billion from Cap-and-Invest for the High-Speed Rail Authority
- \$1.2 billion for projects that improve goods movement on rail and roadways at port terminals, including railyard expansions, new bridges, and zero-emission modernization projects
- \$1.1 billion for Active Transportation Program projects and climate adaptation projects
- \$410 million for the Zero Emission Transit Capital Program
- \$150 million for grade separation projects that support critical safety improvements and expedite the movement of traffic and rail by separating the vehicle roadway from the rail tracks

Natural Resources, Water, and Climate

- \$232 million for flood control projects to evaluate, repair, rehabilitate, reconstruct, expand, or replace levees, weirs, bypasses, and facilities of the State Plan of Flood Control, Projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and projects funded through the Flood Control Subventions Program
- \$173 million for drinking water projects serving small or disadvantaged communities or tribes and that address failing water systems and water systems at risk of failing, as well as failing private wells
- \$68.8 million to support repairs to existing or new water conveyance projects
- \$294.6 million (\$47.1 million General Fund and \$247.5 million Public Buildings Construction Fund) for the continuation and addition of critical CAL FIRE major capital projects, including the replacement of various fire stations, unit headquarters, helitack bases, and air attack bases
- \$133.2 million from Proposition 4 (Climate Bond) for various flood management system projects in the Central Valley, including \$24.1 million for Systemwide Flood Risk Reduction projects and \$109.1 million for the Urban Flood Risk Reduction Program
- \$736.9 million in General Obligation Bond funds for the California Conservation Corps for 10 new projects and 29 continuing projects

[Take a look at this Budget Summary Document for reference.](#)



Project Management Program Starts Next Tuesday! Join the Class of 2026!

It's time to be a part of something bigger than yourself. This year, AGC graduated 30 members from the project management certificate program, and next year will be no exception!

Having trouble getting your workforce to use the same terms for certain issues or want to get everyone on the same page?

Quickest way to do that: required learning. Get your employees knowledgeable in how to read plans, translate estimator costing in preconstruction, and be a consummate business development professional when talking to your client and conveying status on your multimillion-dollar projects.

Invest in the relationship builders, problem solvers, schedulers, contract interpreters, financial managers, or leaders of people, whether you have them or aspire to be them!

Don't believe us? [Let our 2025 cohort speak for themselves:](#)

"I'm walking away with more confidence, stronger tools, and genuine excitement to take on the responsibilities of a Project Manager role." - *Anna Pop, T.B. Penick & Sons, 2025 Grad*

The AGC San Diego Construction Project Management Certificate Program, led by **Paul Stout** of *Power Summit*, is a proven pathway for advancing careers in the construction industry. Enable your highly capable project engineers to move from theory into real-world performance, or better yet, take your new project managers and give them a baseline for business, leadership and management skills that will take your company to the next level.



This 26-week course will get your people up to speed so they can thrive on today's jobsites and project environments. This program kicks off Feb. 10 at 3 PM and runs for the full calendar year at our Lakeside HQ.

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What's Got Private Contractors Talking: Claim Resolution Process Changes and the New 5% Retention Limit on Private Work

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

As we noted [in January with our new laws coverage](#), private construction contractors are starting to notice two new laws in effect now: Senate Bill 440, the Private Works Change Order Fair Payment Act, and SB 61, Private Works of Improvement: Retention Payments.

Here is a more in-depth look at these adjustments for private work:

Last fall with little fanfare, Governor Newsom signed Senate Bill 440 (SB 440), Private Works Change Order Fair Payment Act. This law is designed to reform the claim resolution process on private construction projects. The bill also provides for a new, prescribed process for claims by contractors and subcontractors.

Under existing California law, contracts for private works of improvement are governed by the Civil Code and Business & Professions Code and already contain requirements for prompt payment and dispute resolution.

SB 440 requires contracts entered into on or after January 1, 2026, and before January 1, 2030, include a new claims resolution process for disputes. Under SB 440, a contractor or subcontractor may notify the owner of a private construction project of a demand for either (1) a time extension on work to be performed, or (2) payment of a change order.

Owners are required to meet and confer with contractors in response to such claims within 30 days of receipt and identify the disputed and undisputed claims within 10 days of that meeting. Failure to respond within 10 days is treated as the equivalent to having disputed the claim.

The undisputed portions of any claim must be paid within 60 days, or they become subject to interest at a rate of two percent per month. Disputed claims that are later found to have been owed are subject to interest in the same amount.

SB 440 provides a dispute resolution process, which includes nonbinding mediation, for any disputed claim. Owners that fail to conform to the timelines established under SB 440, or that refuse to engage in mediation, may be issued a stop work notice by contractors. Contractors can stop work 40 days after the issuance of a stop-work notice.

Owners and contractors, under SB 440, can negotiate contracts which contain “reasonable change order, claim, and dispute resolution procedures and requirements” in addition to those established in SB 440, so long as those contract provisions do not interfere with the timeframes and procedures established under SB 440.

Additionally, now under existing California law, parties contracting for private construction are allowed to negotiate the percentage retention to be withheld. SB 61 offers greater financial protection to contractors and subcontractors by applying a five-percent retention cap applicable to most private construction contracts. For contracts executed on or after January 1, 2026, owners, developers, direct contractors and subcontractors may withhold no more than five-percent retention from progress payments, and the total amount of retention withheld may not exceed five percent of the total contract value. SB 61 also limits retention withheld from subcontractors by contractors and subcontractors to the same amount withheld from the contractor by the owner.

There are several notable exceptions built into SB 61:

- The law does not apply to contracts executed before January 1, 2026.
- SB 61 does not apply to residential projects unless the project qualifies as “mixed-use” or is five stories or more.

TRAINING CAMP: Apprenticeship Training Fees

Understanding Apprenticeship Training Fees: Where the Money Goes, What NOT to Do, and How to Protect Your Company on Public Works

By Adrianna Lopez, Director of Labor Relations

Training Fees Explained

Training fund contributions are required payments for each hour worked by journeymen and apprentices in apprenticeable crafts on California public works projects.

Contractors must pay these fees either to the appropriate apprenticeship program (by craft) or to the California Apprenticeship Council (CAC).

Training contributions [paid to the CAC](#) are due monthly by the 15th of the month following the work being performed and are reported by project. Other training programs, which can receive contributions (like [ours here at AGC!](#)), may have a different due date, though contributions should still be reported and paid on a monthly basis.

What Not to Do

Do NOT pay training contributions to workers. These fees are not taxable wages and cannot be added to payroll except for non-apprenticeable classifications.

Do NOT pay a program that does not cover the craft or geographic jurisdiction.

Do NOT assume training rates stay the same, as rates may vary by prevailing wage determination and may change with pre-determined increases.

Do NOT ignore deadlines. Late contributions may result in penalties, delayed closeout, and compliance findings.

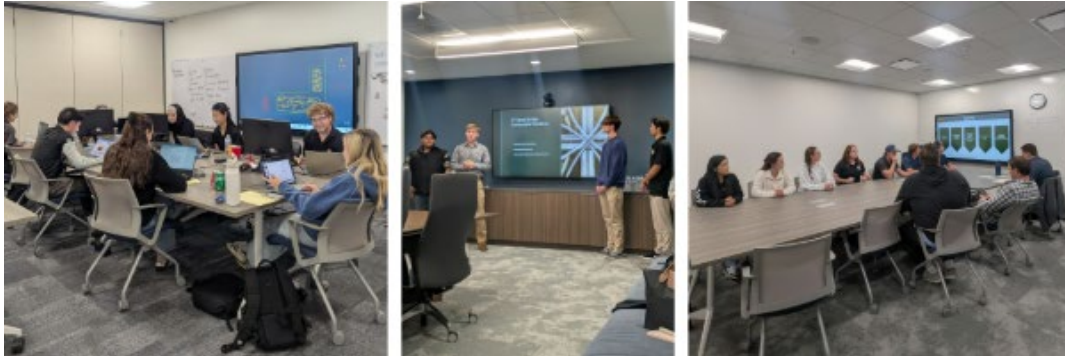
Final Whistle

For contractors working across multiple projects and managing different crafts, contribution rates, deadlines, and program requirements, these requirements can quickly become time consuming and overwhelming. But with early planning, disciplined

recordkeeping, and attention to prevailing wage updates, contractors can keep their compliance obligations under control.

Want to learn more about prevailing wage?

Check out our [upcoming compliance training](#), hosted by yours truly!



SDSU Teams Gear Up for ASC Region 6 & 7 Student Competition in Reno

San Diego State University (SDSU) is ready to vie for the podium again after the Electrical Team took third place last year at the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Region 6 & 7 Student Competition. This year's group of returning and new team members, 40 SDSU students, is ready to make an impact.

With 246 teams from 56 universities across 20 states, the competition requires student teams to tackle real-world construction challenges tailored to specific industry categories by completing tasks related to their project over 10-12 hours and then presenting to the judges the following day.

SDSU will have teams competing in the Commercial, Electrical, Heavy Civil, Preconstruction categories, with a new team in the Sustainable Building category. [Click here to see a list of all the schools attending the competition.](#)

Since summer, these SDSU students have been preparing for the competition, receiving invaluable guidance from industry professionals, faculty advisors, and the **AGC San Diego Construction Leadership Council (CLC)**.

A special thanks to our team sponsors for their continued support:

- Commercial – *Clark Construction*
- Electrical – *Helix Electric*
- Heavy Civil – *FILANC*
- Preconstruction – *Swinerton*
- Sustainable Building – *McCarthy Building Companies*

We also extend our gratitude to the AGC members and coaches whose expertise has been instrumental in preparing the teams for this prestigious event.

Want to see what the competition is all about? Check out the [recap video](#) from the 2023 competition.

Best of luck to all of our teams!

Vote AGC Apprenticeship Program 'Best in Education' by Feb. 8!

The AGC Apprenticeship Program has been named a finalist for the “Best in Education” award by the *East County Chamber of Commerce*. This recognition reflects the dedication, collaboration, and commitment of our entire community.



Cast your [vote](#) for AGC Apprenticeship today (**voting closes this Sunday!**), as we continue to prepare the next generation of skilled professionals and leaders and support construction workforce development in our community.

GIVING BACK



Generate Hope Receives New Concrete Repairs to Walkways and Steps

By Soula Wynne, Sundt Construction Co, Inc., Chair of the Build & Serve Charitable Alliance

Generate Hope is a safe place where survivors of sex trafficking can heal and find restoration through long-term housing, trauma-informed therapy, education, and vocational support. Recently, the Build & Serve Committee, with volunteers from *Sundt Construction* (**Adam Mack, Andrew Wojciechowski, Ang Witt, and John Theofanides**) and *JMJ Construction* (**Jose Flores**), repaired several walkways and stairways to improve safety at the home. Together, the committee gave a small investment of time and materials and has created a lasting impact.

The Build & Serve Committee brings people together to build, serve, and make a difference for individuals and communities in need. If you're interested in getting involved and

supporting our community through local non-profits, please contact [Marcy Knopman](#), AGC's staff liaison to join the AGC Build and Serve Charitable Alliance today.

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These member-only awards are worth the effort. [Email Vince Hundley](#), our local safety director to get access to the application form, so that he can account for you in this year's awards!



2026

February 5-8 - [Winter Conference](#) - Big Sky Montage - **SOLD OUT**

February 12 - [Meet Your GC with Dempsey Construction](#) - Dempsey HQ

March 12 - [AGC Mai Tai Mixer](#) - Bali Hai Restaurant - Sponsorships available now!

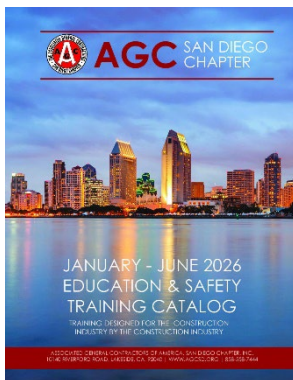
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February 3 – Excel for Beginners
February 3 & 4 – Blueprint Reading for Construction 2-Day Training
February 3 – Bluebeam for Administrative Professionals (Virtual / Zoom)
February 4 & 5 – Construction Quality Management for Contractors(CQM-C) (Virtual) - **2 seats open**
February 6 – Confined Space - Entrant, Attendant, Entry Supervisor, Competent Person and Non-Entry Rescuer
February 9 – Fall Protection Competent Person Refresher Training
February 9 – QuickBooks Intermediate/Advanced (Desktop version)
February 9 – Flagger Certification (CalTrans Approved)
February 9 – Traffic Control Technician (TCT)
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February 9, 2026



INDUSTRY NEWS

Super Monday?

By Dustin Steiner, Executive Vice President

Are you at work today? Or are you reading this on your phone while you recover from the so-called *Super Bowl Flu*? If you made it into the office or out to the field, you did better than an estimated 26.2 million Americans who were predicted to be *cough cough* out “sick” today, according to the Ultimate Kronos Group (UKG) Survey. ([UKG's annual Super Bowl Absenteeism Survey](#).) UKG further estimates the loss in productivity today is “upwards of \$5.2 billion.” So, if you are AT work AND being productive by reading the latest MMQB – [Congratulations!](#)

You know who else is at work today? The federal government! After a brief partial shutdown last week, lawmakers in the **House of Reps** were able to strike a deal, and **President Trump** signed the [Consolidated Appropriations Act](#) into law. This means that funding for the **Departments of Defense, Labor, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development (HUD)** is set through September 2026. This is the culmination of the patchwork of deals that followed the longest shutdown in history last fall. As a reminder, the federal government operates on a September 30 fiscal year.

Per [AGC of America](#):

“The funding provided by this legislation will ensure contractors can help rebuild our nation’s infrastructure, including roads, bridges, airports, transit systems, and military bases. The bill also maintains critical funding and support for key workforce development programs and grants, including the Job Corps training program, Perkins Career and Technical Education, and record levels of investment in registered apprenticeships. It also ensures continued access to supplemental employment visas, subject to statutory eligibility requirements, to help employers address persistent workforce shortages.”

This means the lone remaining appropriations bill is for the **Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**, which is funded through Friday the 13th on a deal between the White House and Senate Minority Leader **Chuck Schumer** (D-NY). Of note, **ICE**, which is the main point of contention, was already largely funded by the **One Big Beautiful Bill** signed into law last summer. So, what looms at DHS is funding for things like **TSA**, the **Coast Guard**, and **FEMA**.

California Air Resources Board Targets California Businesses

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

In 2023, Governor Newsom signed into law the **Climate Corporate Data Accountability Act (SB 253)** and the **Climate-Related Financial Risk Act (SB 261)**. As a result, thousands of companies that do business in California will now have to provide reports on their carbon footprints, including Scope 3 emissions across their supply chains. This is a big deal, as Scope 3 emissions, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency, often account for [more than 90%](#) of an organization's climate impact and are notoriously difficult to measure.

As the implementation of these two laws draws near, we are getting some questions, because it could impact not only California contractors but also those in other states, as the California Air Resources Board (CARB) tends to export regulations across the country.

SB 253 requires U.S.-based companies with over \$1 billion in annual revenue operating in California (an estimated 5,400 companies) to report their Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions in 2026 and Scope 3 emissions starting in 2027 based on the prior fiscal year emissions. CARB's proposed initial regulation would set a first-year Scope 1 and 2 reporting deadline of August 10, 2026. Notably, CARB has clarified that no penalties will be imposed in 2026 for SB 253, as long as companies demonstrate a "good faith effort" in preparing their disclosures.

SB 261 mandates biennial public reporting on climate-related financial risks and mitigation strategies by companies with over \$500 million in annual revenue operating in California. The initial statutory reporting deadline is January 1, 2026.

However, CARB has stated it will not enforce SB 261's deadline of January 1, 2026, due to a Ninth Circuit injunction. Until that case is resolved, the reporting requirement will be on hold.

For those not familiar with how greenhouse gas emissions are categorized, Scope 1 emissions are those greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that are emitted by the company's operations. Scope 2 emissions are GHG emissions that result from purchased energy. Scope 3 is the emissions that result from all sources up and down the company's supply chains.

In December 2025, CARB posted the [proposed initial regulation materials for SB 253/SB 261](#) (including a proposed first-year Scope 1 and 2 reporting deadline of August 10, 2026). Also in December 2025: CARB issued an [SB 261 enforcement advisory](#) following a Ninth Circuit injunction.

California's climate disclosure package brings in a new level of regulatory oversight for large corporations. Thousands of businesses will now have to publicly share their emissions profiles. This will likely ratchet up the pressure on large corporations, the heaviest emitters of greenhouse gases, to decarbonize. The public will be able to identify companies that are the biggest emitters of greenhouse gases and potentially subject them to public shaming and potential loss of customers, impacting shareholder value in the end.

CARB is [developing a fee regulation](#) that will assess annual fees on reporting entities (SB 253) and covered entities (SB 261). The proposed regulation establishes a framework for calculating fees annually and includes CPI-based adjustments starting after the base year. Specific fee amounts are not fixed in statute and would be set through CARB's fee program.

For SB 253, penalties are defined as up to \$500,000 per year. There is a Scope 3 safe harbor if disclosures are made in good faith. For SB 261, penalties are defined as up to \$50,000 per year. These are referenced in CARB's [December 2024 Enforcement Notice](#).

MEMBER NEWS



SDSU Commercial Team Takes Third Place in ASC Student Competition

The San Diego State University (SDSU) Commercial team placed third out of 22 teams in the ASC Region 7 Student Competition! The team's chemistry, dedication, and support from their team sponsor/coaches at **Clark Construction** were factors in securing a trophy this year.

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A big shoutout to SDSU Faculty **Thais Alves, Nensi Lakrori, Reza Akhavian, and Paul Jackson** for attending and supporting the student teams.

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Turn Old Tech into New Opportunities Electronics Recycling Drive: March 2 – March 20

The Build & Serve & the Construction Technology Committees are stepping in,
Collecting electronic items to help kids win.

Supporting [Computers 2 Kids](#), hope takes form,
As your donated devices help futures transform.

In San Diego, many families still face
A home with no computer, no digital space.

Through recycling, refurbishing, giving with care,
C2K places computers everywhere.

Your old electronics can help close the divide,
Putting learning and opportunity side by side.

So answer the call, don't hesitate,
Your old electronics can help create...
New chances, new paths, futures now bright—
One small act can change a life!

Items collected:

Computers, Laptops, Gaming Systems (Chromebooks, Apple, & PCs), Monitors (any size), Keyboards, Mice, Printers, Copiers, Fax, Scanners, Servers, Server Racks, Routers, Switches, Network Components, Televisions, Radios, Stereo Equipment, Speakers, Cell Phones, Land Phones, VCRs, DVRs, Recorders, Projectors, Smart Screens, Miscellaneous Cords, Software, Hardware, Ink and Toner Cartridges (new), Tablets (iPads, Androids).

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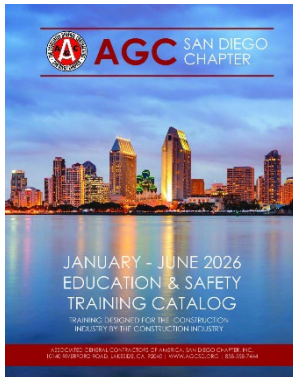
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February 19 - Microsoft Project Professional: Beginning-Intermediate

February 20 - PLA Fundamentals for Contractors

February 24 - CHATGPT & COPILOT FOR MICROSOFT 365 Introduction

February 25 - MS PowerPoint Beginner/Intermediate

February 25 - Rough Terrain Forklift Operator Certification (Class 7)

February 26 - Construction Financial Management: Understanding Contractor Retention (Virtual / Zoom)

February 26 - Microsoft Project Professional: Intermediate-Advanced

February 26 - Trenching & Excavation 8-Hour Competent Person

February 26 - Be an Effective Manager for Your Team (Virtual / Zoom)

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INDUSTRY NEWS

Pure Water at 85% Complete: Testing and Operations Beginning

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The City of San Diego [recently released their annual report](#) on the San Diego Pure Water Project-Phase 1 which recaps the project progress through the end of 2025.

The total value of the construction projects is \$1.14 billion spread over 12 separate contracts. The largest two are the North City Reclamation Plant Expansion at \$255 million and the North City Pure Water Facility at \$357 million. According to the City, the project is to be 85% complete and is scheduled to begin delivering drinking water sometime near the end of 2026.

The City is receiving funding in installments through multiple extremely low-interest loans (in the range of 0.8% to 1.82%), including the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). WIFIA loans from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency are currently providing \$733.5 million for Phase 1 construction, while the State Water Board is providing \$664 million in DWSRF loans to further support Phase 1 construction and project support costs.

This project, among other benefits, is providing a large number of high-paying construction jobs. The City set goals for City of San Diego residents on the project as well as a category they call "targeted workers." Targeted workers are individuals with no high school diploma/GED, the homeless, former foster youth, single parents, and those with long-term unemployment or low income.

The goal for targeted workers is for at least 10% of construction craft hours, with a 35% goal for city residents. To date, the project has recorded that 19% of the craft workers are in the targeted worker category and 23% are city residents. In total, almost 3,142,466 labor hours have been invested in Phase 1 construction through October 2025. Currently, there are 1,602 City residents employed on Pure Water projects. City residents constructing Pure Water projects have earned \$49,595,928 through October 2025.

The original Phase 2 plan was made developed during the development of the 2012 Recycled Water Study. Since that time, several important factors have changed to an extent that the City has decided to reevaluate the original plan. Some of the factors they are taking

a second look at include water supply and demand, wastewater flows and availability, water supply dam conditions, regulatory developments, and affordability for customers.

Even with these possible revisions, the City is proceeding with the Central Area Small-Scale Facility that is under construction at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. As with Pure Water Phase 1, a demonstration facility is a regulatory requirement for Pure Water Phase 2 because it will treat flow from a different wastewater collection area with different wastewater characteristics. In addition, the City will demonstrate the ability of the advanced treatment processes to meet the new regulatory requirements for direct potable reuse.

Why Contractor Voices Matter: The Value of Participating in Bargaining

By Adrianna Lopez, Director of Labor Relations

In San Diego's construction market, labor agreements shape far more than wages and benefits as they influence project delivery, grievance procedures, and bidding opportunities unique to our local market, whether signatory or open shop. As we here at AGC San Diego prepare for upcoming negotiations with the Carpenters, Laborers, and Cement Masons, this is the moment for contractors to understand the value of having their voices represented at the bargaining table.

And yes, that value extends even to contractors who never sign a collective bargaining agreement.

Here's why:

1. You influence the rules you operate under

Contractors know better than anyone how agreements play out in the field. When they participate in bargaining, they help shape provisions that reflect real-world project conditions, not theoretical ones.

2. You protect your competitive position

If you're signatory, the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) is your operating manual. When you're not in the room, you're relying on others to define your cost structure, staffing flexibility, and workforce pipeline. Participation ensures the agreement supports your ability to win work and stay competitive in San Diego's unique construction landscape.

3. You strengthen partnerships

Bargaining is simply a business negotiation. Showing up signals to other members and to the Union that contractors are serious about collaboration, productivity, and long-term workforce development.

What About Open-Shop Contractors? How Do They Benefit?

Even contractors who never sign a CBA may be affected by the outcomes of bargaining, especially in San Diego, where Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) are increasingly common. These PLAs require adherence to Schedule A forms, which, for Carpenters, Teamsters, Laborers, Operating Engineers and Cement Masons, actually are the AGC SD bargained agreements.

Even open shops who never work on a PLA but who do public works are affected, as the bargained rates are often adopted by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and published as the local prevailing wage rates.

That means the final negotiated language influences workforce availability, dispatch procedures, work rules, rates, holiday schedules, shift structures, and training and apprenticeship access bargained to ensure the agreement meets the needs of San Diego contractors.

In other words: Even if you're not at the bargaining table, the outcomes will likely reach your jobsites.

Why This Year's Bargaining Cycle Is Especially Important

The upcoming negotiations with the Carpenters, Laborers, and Cement Masons will set the tone for the next several years of construction in San Diego. With major public and private projects on the horizon, the stakes are high: workforce shortages, escalating project timelines, increasing PLA usage, and pressure on productivity and cost control.

A Call to Action for Signatory Contractors

We're hosting a Signatory Contractor Meeting on **February 19** at the AGC Lakeside office to prepare for bargaining, gather contractor priorities, and ensure local needs are represented.

Education for Open-Shop Contractors

Understanding PLAs, how they work, what they require, and how they impact your business is increasingly important in San Diego's market.

To support that, we're hosting a [PLA Fundamentals for Contractors Lunch & Learn](#) on **February 20** (limited seats available), hosted by yours truly.

Final Thoughts

Whether you're signatory or open shop, bargaining outcomes shape the environment you work in. When contractors participate, agreements become more balanced, more realistic, and more supportive of local contractor success.

Your voice matters; this is the moment to use it.

Join us for AGC's Joint Legislative Meeting Scheduled for March 12

By Dustin Steiner, Executive Vice President

Political observer and humorist *Will Rogers* once quipped "Anything important is never left to the vote of the people. We only get to vote on some man; we never get to vote on what he is to do." It is in this spirit that I invite you to our first **Joint Legislative Committee** meeting in conjunction with **AGC Cal** and our shared legislative advocates, **Felipe Fuentes** and his team at **Pacific Coast Capitol Advisors (PCCA)**.

This first installment of this annual meeting is set for **March 12** and is designed for you to help shape AGC's state legislative agenda! Last year, the State Legislature introduced a whopping 2,250 bills and there is no reason to believe that number will be smaller this year. In this meeting, PCCA will summarize and divide the bills introduced into three subcommittees and you will have the opportunity to advocate for support, opposition, or amendment as we go through each and every one. We will also have some time together to talk about big picture threats and opportunities for contractors.

Joint Legislative Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 12

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Unger Construction | 910 X St. Sacramento, CA 95818

Register by clicking here: [Joint Legislative Committee Meeting 3.12.26](#)

Join us and “vote on what [they are] to do!”

MEMBER NEWS



Thursday's first **Meet Your GC** event of the year brought 70 members to Dempsey's Carlsbad headquarters to talk with Dempsey Construction's staff and learn more about doing work with them. **Thank you to Dempsey Construction for hosting!**



SDSU @ ASC Region 6 & 7 2026 Student Competition

AGC Member Companies Help SDSU Teams Place in Reno!

SDSU Commercial Team Takes Home Third Place at ASC Student Competition

By Kellie Korhonen, Digital Communications and Technology Manager

Five local AGC member companies - **Clark Construction, FILANC, Helix Electric, McCarthy Building Companies and Swinerton** - coached the San Diego State University (SDSU) students in the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) competition, one of which led to a third-place spot for the Commercial team.

The ASC Region 6 & 7 Competition is one of the largest student construction competitions in the nation with 246 teams from 56 universities across 20 states! In the crowd this year were 39 students from SDSU on teams that competed in the following categories: Commercial, Heavy Civil, Preconstruction, Electrical, and Sustainable Building.

The competition requires student teams to tackle real-world construction challenges tailored to specific industry categories by completing tasks related to their project for over 10-12 hours and then presenting to the judges the following day for a busy two days.

For the past eight months, the SDSU students had the support of *AGC's San Diego Construction Leadership Council (CLC)*, team sponsors, SDSU faculty advisors, and industry coaches. Special shoutout to our team sponsors and coaches (those marked with * attended the competition in person):

Electrical – Helix Electric

- Scott Massner*
- Lia Hodge*
- Eduardo Nunez
- Bryce Kepler*
- Noah Sanchez

Commercial – Clark Construction

- Daelen Benioff*
- KK Clark
- Brooke Miller*
- Mariam Yousif*

Heavy Civil – FILANC

- Andrea Farias*
- Michelle Filanc*
- Tony Ruiz*
- Jacob Rivers, *Griffith Company**

Preconstruction – Swinerton

- Kyle Butler*
- Rick Collette
- Alyssa Jaramillo*
- Catie Dines

Sustainable Building – McCarthy Building Companies

- Aaron Magdaleno
- With support from Michelle Filanc* and SDSU faculty Dr. Thais Alves* and Dr. Juhyeon Bae

Thanks to all the coaches this year!

Congratulations to the SDSU Commercial team who placed third out of 22 teams in the ASC Region 7 Student Competition!



"Honestly, it felt surreal," Team Captain Sara Lopez shared when she heard San Diego State announced. "It felt like the last three years of competing, and all the hard work that went into them, had paid off. Seeing the judges from Hensel Phelps that I'd interacted with over the past three years, getting to shake their hands, celebrating with my teammates after leaving the stage, and jumping up and down with my coaches and faculty was an unforgettable experience."

Lopez also shared that the key to their success this year was team cohesiveness.

"Everyone understood what was happening in the other sections because, more often than not, we had helped each other complete them. Our collaboration was truly the key to our success this year," she said.

The Commercial team was the first team to place for SDSU in the ASC Competition back in 2012 and now has earned third place four times. Last year, the Electrical team also took home third place.

A big shoutout to SDSU Faculty **Dr. Thais Alves, Nensi Lakrori, Reza Akhavian, and Paul Jackson** for attending and supporting the student teams.

The SDSU AGC Student Chapter, along with AGC's support and the support of the Student Chapter Reno Lead, **William Morton**, organized the teams and coordinated the preparations for the competition.

Finally, if you served as a team coach, or a "Mock Problem" spectator this year to help the teams prepare them for the competition, please give yourself a pat on the back.

Thank you for your involvement and for helping ready the students for competition. They will surely graduate from this program and from SDSU to take their place as excellent future leaders of the construction industry.

Want to get involved in next year's process? Reach out to [Kellie Korhonen](#) now to get involved with the CLC or to learn what it takes to be a coach!

Build San Diego Foundation Workforce Bridge Scholarship™ Now Open

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- Students currently enrolled in Diesel Technology Studies within the San Diego Community College District
- Students enrolled in the JR Filanc Construction Engineering & Management Program at San Diego State University

Through this initiative, Build San Diego Foundation continues its commitment to strengthening San Diego's construction workforce pipeline ensuring motivated, skilled students have the financial support needed to complete their education and enter the industry prepared to lead.

This is more than a scholarship. It is an investment in talent, technical excellence, and the long-term vitality of our regions construction economy. **Application deadline is March 21, 2026.**

We encourage AGC San Diego members to share this opportunity with employees, interns, and students within your networks who meet eligibility criteria.

[Click here for scholarship applications.](#)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The AGC Board of Directors and the AGC staff would like to welcome the following new members to the AGC San Diego Chapter:

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Electronics Recycling Drive: March 2 – March 20

The *Build & Serve* & the *Construction Technology Committees* are stepping in,
Collecting electronic items to help kids win.

Supporting [Computers 2 Kids](#), hope takes form,
As your donated devices help futures transform.

In San Diego, many families still face
A home with no computer, no digital space.

Through recycling, refurbishing, giving with care,
C2K places computers everywhere.

Your old electronics can help close the divide,
Putting learning and opportunity side by side.

So answer the call, don't hesitate,
Your old electronics can help create...
New chances, new paths, futures now bright—
One small act can change a life!

Items collected:

Computers, Laptops, Gaming Systems (Chromebooks, Apple, & PCs), Monitors (any size), Keyboards, Mice, Printers, Copiers, Fax, Scanners, Servers, Server Racks, Routers, Switches, Network Components, Televisions, Radios, Stereo Equipment, Speakers, Cell Phones, Land Phones, VCRs, DVRs, Recorders, Projectors, Smart Screens, Miscellaneous Cords, Software, Hardware, Ink and Toner Cartridges (new), Tablets (iPads, Androids).

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Feb. 20 - **Construction Leadership Council (CLC) Job Walk** - 2:00 PM - [Email for details](#)

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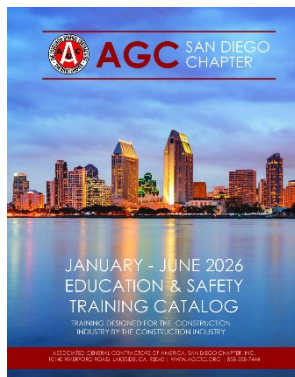
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February 19 - CPR, First Aid, AED Certification (*Ferris Square*) - *Just added*
February 19 - Scaffold CPT (Frame, Bakers Perry, System)
February 19 - Microsoft Project Professional: Beginning-Intermediate
February 20 - PLA Fundamentals for Contractors - **LIMITED SEATS**

February 23-25 - Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT for EM 385-1-1 - *Just added*
February 24 - CHATGPT & COPILOT FOR MICROSOFT 365 Introduction - **SOLD OUT**
February 25 - MS PowerPoint Beginner/Intermediate
February 25 - Rough Terrain Forklift Operator Certification (Class 7)
February 26 - Microsoft Project Professional: Intermediate-Advanced
February 26 - Trenching & Excavation 8-Hour Competent Person
February 27 - Construction Estimating Basics

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INDUSTRY NEWS

EPA Repeals Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards for Vehicles

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

On February 12, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rescinded the EPA's Obama-era, 2009 standalone decision entitled, "Endangerment and Cause or Contribute Findings for Greenhouse Gases (GHG)" under Section 202(a) of the Clean Air Act. This [action repeals](#) all GHG emission standards for light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty vehicles and engines manufactured or imported into the United States for model year (MY) 2012 to 2027 and beyond.

EPA's primary reasoning for rescinding this Obama EPA rule is based on a legal analysis. In considering recent decisions by the U.S. Supreme Court, like *West Virginia v. EPA*, the EPA concluded that they lacked statutory authority to maintain this regulatory program that will change the economics of our society. The EPA goes on to say that the appropriate policy response to global climate change concerns is a decision vested in Congress, and Congress did not decide the Nation's policy response to these concerns when it enacted the Clean Air Act to address domestic air pollution problems nearly 60 years ago.

West Virginia v. EPA (2022) is a landmark Supreme Court ruling that limited the scope of EPA's authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants. The 6-3 decision held that the EPA could not use "generation shifting," or in other words, could not force a shift from coal to cleaner energy, under the Clean Air Act, citing the "major questions doctrine." In this case, the Court reviewed the Obama-era Clean Power Plan, which aimed to reduce carbon emissions in power plants by shifting power generation from coal to natural gas and renewable sources.

The Court decided that such a significant regulatory change required explicit authorization from Congress, not just an interpretation of existing, broad statutes. The *West Virginia* decision heavily utilized this doctrine, which mandated that agencies cannot act on issues of vast "economic and political significance" without clear Congressional intent. While this ruling curbed EPA's ability to force industry-wide changes, the ruling did not eliminate EPA's authority to regulate emissions at individual plants or in other sectors.

Obviously, as the EPA points out in public documents, mandating a shift in the national vehicle fleet from one type of vehicle to another is indistinguishable from the emission guidelines at issue in *West Virginia*, which were calculated to force a shift from one means of electricity generation to another.

The other major point EPA points to is the text of the Clean Air Act, passed 60 years ago. Clearly the intent of the act was to regulate emissions to lessen the impacts of pollution on communities and regions. Nowhere does the statute passed by Congress lay out a national policy to curb global climate change caused by GHG emissions.

What does this mean for contractors? Hard to say at this point how heavy truck and light/medium duty manufacturers are going to react to this change. We are expecting some continuing efforts to advance zero emission technology on a voluntary basis. We are hoping that all classes of trucks are available with internal combustion engines at a lower price.

The regulatory schemes that CARB has put into place, like the Advanced Clean Cars and Advanced Clean Trucks regulations, are on what appears to be shaky legal grounds. If eventually their constitutionality is tested at the Supreme Court, it seems likely CARB would not prevail.

However, a future Congress controlled by one party and a same-party president could amend Clean Air Act to include provisions for regulating gases that contribute to global climate change and not just local air pollution.

FedCon 2026 Registration Open

By Dustin Steiner, Executive Vice President

Are you a federal contractor? Are you interested in doing work with the federal government? AGC of **America's Federal Contractors Conference (FedCon)** is officially open for registration!

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[To register, click here.](#) Check out our FedCon 2025 [recap here.](#)

And, stay tuned to MMQB for our upcoming NAVFAC SW Liaison Committee meeting with [Captain Eyrich](#) and her command staff. We are currently looking at dates in May.

Hope to see you in DC!

Training Camp - Public Works Holidays: The Standard, the Bargained, and the "Wait... What?"

By Adrianna Lopez, Director of Labor Relations

If you've ever tried to decode California public works holiday pay rules, you already know: it's not for the faint of heart. Between craft-specific holidays, DIR-published oddities, and the occasional "What do you mean the holiday is based on the *second new moon*?" moment... there's a lot to consider.

When Is Holiday Pay Required?

On California public works, holiday pay is required for all hours worked on holidays listed on the craft's prevailing wage determination. That's it. Simple start.

But of course, because it's public works, the simplicity ends there.

When work is performed on an identified holiday, each hour should be paid according to the craft's published holiday rate, usually the Sunday or double-time rate. That means if a worker is onsite on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, or any other recognized holiday, you're typically paying 2x their straight-time rate.

Each Craft Has Their Own Holidays

Every craft has its own set of holidays, and they aren't always consistent across wage determinations, geographic regions, or collective bargaining agreements.

Most crafts' holidays come from their collective bargaining agreements, and then the DIR publishes those holidays. This may include unexpected holidays, which may catch open-shop contractors off guard.

Example: Craft-Specific Holidays

Among standard holidays, the Operating Engineers in Southern California also include the first Saturday following the first Friday in the months of June and December each year. If it's on the published wage determination, it's a holiday.

When DIR Doesn't Publish Craft-Specific Holidays

When that happens, they default to California state-recognized holidays. Some are standard, and some... aren't.

Here are some of the unexpected ones...

- Genocide Remembrance Day – April 24
- Juneteenth – June 19
- Admission Day – September 9
- Lunar New Year – the date corresponding with the second (or sometimes third) new moon after the winter solstice

Wait... What???

(Yes, you really do have to Google the moon cycles.)

Pro Tips

- Check craft holidays for every new project.
- Verify whether DIR is using craft holidays or defaulting to state holidays.
- Plan early for surprise holidays and get them on the calendar

Final Whistle

California public works holiday rules blend labor law, bargained agreements, astronomy, and even some unexpected surprises. And, for those of you who haven't followed the moon calendar lately, this is your courtesy reminder that Lunar New Year was just last week. Better check those craft holiday lists to make sure you didn't miss it!

Have questions or a topic you would like me to address? Contact me at alopez@agcsd.org.

New After-Action Report Highlights a Catalog of Workforce Development Solutions for AGC Members

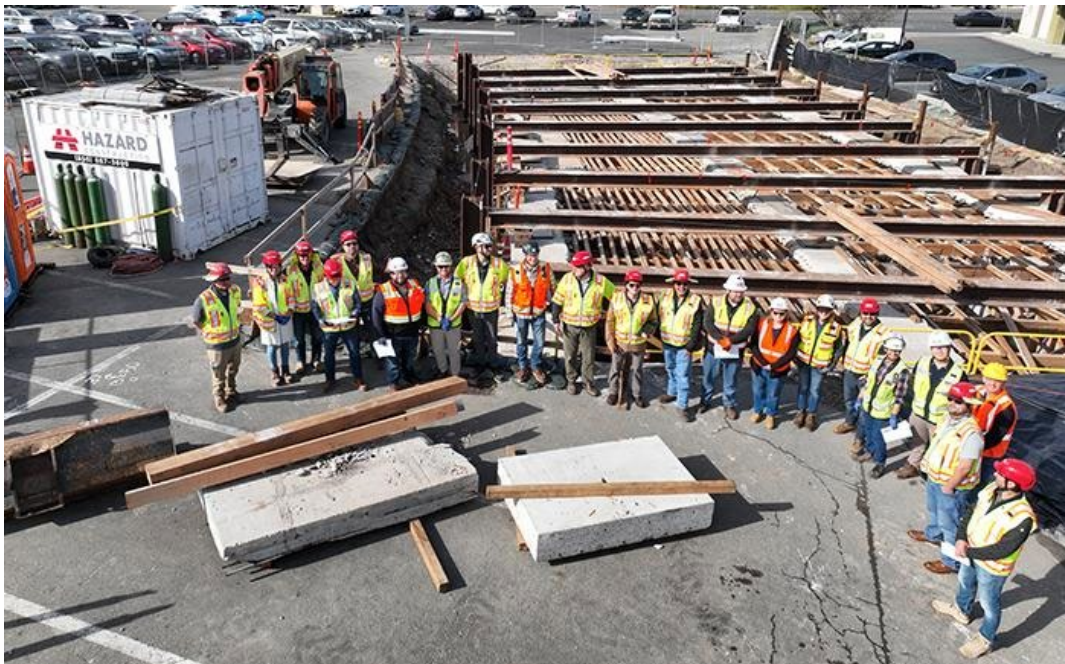
Finding and keeping skilled workers remains one of the construction industry's biggest challenges.

To help members tackle this issue head-on, AGC of America—along with our partners at Arcoro—has released the [Construction Workforce & HR Conference After-Action Report](#). This report serves as a catalog of construction workforce development and HR success stories from around the country. As you will see, this report not only provides details of those success stories but the contact information for the men and women who crafted those solutions.

Watch this [video](#) to get an idea of the kind of solutions you will find.



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Thanks to **Hazard Construction Engr LLC** for inviting the **Construction Leadership Council (CLC)** to a job walk at their *Forester Creek Box Culvert Roof Replacement* project this past week.

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Feb. 27 - **Construction Technology Committee** - 11:00 AM - *Virtual*

March 4 - **Safety Committee** - 7:00 AM - *Lakeside*

March 10 - **Workforce Development Committee** - 11:30 AM - *Lakeside*

March 12 - **Specialty Council** - 11:30 AM - *Lakeside*

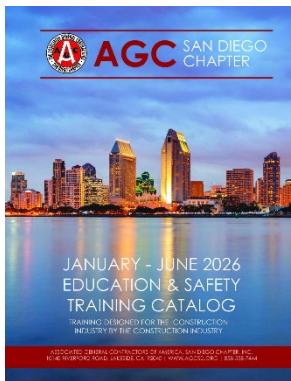
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March 18 - **Construction Leadership Council (CLC)** - 4:00 PM @ *Balfour Beatty office*


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March 3 - SWPPP Seminar: QSD required inspections after an NAL exceedance (Virtual / Zoom)

March 3 - ChatGPT & CoPilot for Microsoft 365 - Introduction

March 4 - Excel for Beginners

March 4 & 5 - Construction Quality Management for Contractors (CQM-C) Course (Virtual / Zoom)

March 5 - Foreman & Superintendent Bootcamp

March 5 - Microsoft WORD Beginner

March 5 - Qualified Rigger & Signal Person

March 9 - Fall Protection Competent Person Refresher Training

March 9 - How to Write an Effective Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA) to Ensure AHAs Meet Requirements for Acceptance

March 10 - Prevailing Wage Compliance Administration Workshop

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