



Safety Update

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APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR AGC CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The application for the [Construction Safety Excellence Awards \(CSEA\)](#) is now available. The AGC program recognizes companies that have developed and implemented excellent safety and loss prevention programs achieved through management commitment, employee training and participation, and program innovation.

AGC members may enter the national AGC of America competition, sponsored by Willis, and/or statewide AGC of Ohio competition by filling out one form. Visit www.agc.org/CSEA to access application and the national application instructions. The deadline for submitting entries is **Friday, December 18**.

For the state awards, fill out the same application and send it to Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio, 1755 Northwest Blvd, Columbus OH 43212; andrea@agcoho.com by December 18, along with the \$50 entry fee for the state award program. (Note – you may enter in the state program regardless of whether or not you have won a CSEA award within the past three years.)

Direct questions to Andrea at andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446.

AGC OF OHIO SAFETY MEETING: DECEMBER 4

An AGC of Ohio Safety Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 4 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The meeting agenda will include a presentation about innovative training techniques and ways to bridge the gap between the different generations. Other agenda items will include an update on OSHA regulatory and enforcement activities, workers compensation, and other safety and health topics of interest.

The meeting is free of charge and open to AGC of Ohio members. RSVP to Andrea Ashley at andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446.

AGC OF AMERICA URGES CONSTRUCTION FIRMS TO TAKE 13 STEPS TO IMPROVE WORKPLACE SAFETY AS INDUSTRY ADDS WORKERS

AGC is urging commercial construction firms across the country to act on [13 specific steps](#) to further improve workplace safety. The new safety measures were needed to address a growing influx of new and inexperienced workers that is contributing to an increase in the number of construction fatalities. These tips as well as other resources are now available on AGC's [Safety and Health webpage](#).

The recommendations are based on an in-depth analysis of effective safety programs the association performed as part of its Willis Construction Safety Excellence Awards. The association and Willis looked at what makes winning firms' safety programs effective and then boiled that analysis down into easy-to-implement steps that are proven to improve safety.

Click [here](#) to listen to a podcast presentation of the recommendations.

U.S. BUDGET ALLOWS OSHA TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE PENALTIES

President Obama on Monday signed the [Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015](#). The Act permits OSHA to increase its penalties – indexed to inflation – annually.

The Bipartisan Budget Act removes a statutory exemption from penalties under certain statutes, including the Occupational Safety & Health Act, from inflation for civil penalties. OSHA will now have to report on their adjustment in their annual financial statements and via the U.S. Government Accountability Office. The Budget bill also allows the agency to use a “catch up” formula to make up to 150% adjustments in the penalty in the first year to meet current inflation levels. The Secretary could limit the increases if there’s a negative economic impact that outweighs benefits. The increase in penalties would go through the formal notice and comment procedure.

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE AGC OF AMERICA SAFETY AND HEALTH CONFERENCE: January 20 - 22, 2016

Join more than 150 industry professionals from across the country and participate in the development of regulatory and legislative activity on both a national and local levels, assist in the development and creation of new safety training programs and products, and hear the latest initiatives from OSHA and other industry experts.

The AGC [Safety & Health Committee Meeting](#) will be held January 20-22 at the Renaissance Phoenix Glendale in Arizona. The registration fee for AGC members is \$200. Hotel rooms will become very limited after December 15th so book your reservation today!

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March 9-11, 2016, Greater Columbus Convention Center; Learn more at www.ohiobwc.com

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