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GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Associated General Contractors (AGC) of Ohio's *Government Affairs Update* provides information about government related matters of interest to the commercial building industry and AGC's advocacy efforts. It is e-mailed to AGC of Ohio members and available online at www.agcoho.com/advocacy.html. Direct questions and comments to Andrea Ashley, VP of Government Relations: andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446.

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COURT OF APPEALS UPHOLDS MUNICIPAL TAX REFORM

Supports AGC's Position on Muni-Tax Laws

On January 29, Ohio's Tenth District Court of Appeals upheld the constitutionality of changes to Ohio's municipal tax code. In [*City of Athens, et. al. v. Testa, et. al.*](#), the court, in a 2-1 ruling, [affirmed](#) the lower court's ruling in support of the constitutionality of key provisions contained in the municipal tax reforms, including centralized collection, signed into law with H.B. 49 in June of 2017 and H.B. 5 in December 2014. View the decision [here](#).

AGC of Ohio has been a strong proponent of the municipal tax reform laws and submitted an amicus brief to the court in conjunction with other associations supporting municipal tax reform and its constitutionality. Now we wait to see whether or not the cities appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

AGC OF OHIO GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONNAIRE

Deadline February 11; www.tfaforms.com/4716956

Don't forget to complete AGC of Ohio's government affairs [survey](#). The results will provide guidance for the association's advocacy efforts and help AGC best represent companies like yours. Should you have any questions or would like to discuss a specific issue, contact Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio: andrea@agcoho.com or 614-486-6446. Feel free to forward the [questionnaire](#) to others in your company who may want to share their insight. Responses should be submitted by February 8.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

February 22, 10 a.m. - noon; [RSVP Attendance](#)

The AGC of Ohio Legislative Committee will meet on February 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the AGC office in Columbus to review the results and identify potential legislative priorities. The meeting is open to all AGC of Ohio members. If interested in attending, RSVP your attendance to Andrea Ashley at AGC of Ohio: andrea@agcoho.com or (614) 486-6446.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE OHIO SAFETY CONGRESS & EXPO

March 6-8, Columbus Convention Center

Register today for the Ohio BWC Safety Congress! [Click here](#) to view event information, including the event schedule, hotels, directions and free online registration. Most of the construction-related educational programs are scheduled on Wednesday, March 6, and two on Thursday, March 7. Day three (Friday) delivers full-day workshops and in-depth training on a variety of safety management and risk topics. Attend the number of days which best meet your training needs.

EMPLOYERS MUST POST 2018 INJURY/ILLNESS SUMMARY BEGINNING FEB. 1

Construction employers must post a copy of [OSHA's Form 300A](#), which summarizes job-related injuries and illnesses logged during 2018 from Feb. 1 to April 30. The summary must be displayed in a common area where notices to employees are usually posted. Businesses with 10 or fewer employees are exempt from OSHA recordkeeping and posting requirements. Visit OSHA's [Recordkeeping Rule webpage](#) for more information on recordkeeping requirements.



ON THE NATIONAL FRONT...

Information courtesy of AGC of America

Learn more about AGC of America's advocacy efforts at <https://advocacy.agc.org>.

OSHA RESCINDS PART OF THE ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING RULE

In Line with AGC of America Recommendations

On Jan. 25, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published its [final rule](#) amending the recordkeeping regulation by rescinding—in line with AGC recommendations—the requirement for establishments with 250 or more employees to electronically submit information from OSHA Forms 300 (Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) and 301 (Injuries and Illnesses Incident Report). AGC called for this amendment because (1) information in the Form 301 could lead to the public disclosure of individual employees' identity and private health information; and (2) data included in the forms could unfairly characterize a construction contractor's safety and health record. These establishments will continue to submit information from their OSHA Form 300A (Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses) as has been required in 2017 and 2018.

AGC FILES COMMENTS SUPPORTING NLRB'S JOINT-EMPLOYER RULEMAKING

AGC of America submitted [comments](#) supporting the National Labor Relations Board's [proposed rule](#) on joint-employer status with certain clarifications January 28. The rule would reinstate a standard establishing joint-employer status under the National Labor Relations Act only when a company actually exercises substantial direct and immediate control over essential terms and conditions of employment of another company's employees and does so in a manner that is not limited and routine. It would reverse the AGC-opposed Browning-Ferris Industries decision that was issued by the Obama Board in 2015 and [recently upheld](#) by a federal circuit court. [Read more.](#)