

AGC of America Building Contractor 2009 Activities, Products, and Services

AGC of America represents nearly 34,000 firms throughout the construction industry, including more than 7,500 general contractors—a majority of whom perform some form of building construction as part of their business. Whether through the AGC Building Division, advocacy, safety and health, environment, labor and workforce, education and training or contract documents...AGC is focused on protecting your interests, helping your business, and improving your industry.

The following are some of the major AGC of America activities of the past year on behalf of Building Contractors. I would encourage you to visit www.agc.org regularly for updated information about AGC activities, products, and services. For information about the AGC Building Division visit www.agc.org/building or contact Mike Stark, Senior Director, Building Division at starkm@agc.org.

Building Material Newsletter

Delivered to your inbox on the third Monday of every month, this electronic newsletter provides brief, timely news and information of interest to Building Contractors. For past articles, go [here](#). If you do not receive Building Material, click [here](#) for subscription information. This newsletter is free for all AGC member firms.

Economic Stimulus

AGC worked hard to ensure significant infrastructure investment was included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and ultimately secured \$140 billion in construction spending, including billions for vertical construction. AGC has compiled information on the policy changes, new rules, and regulations associated with the stimulus, programs receiving funding, tax incentives, and the impact of job creation as a direct result of stimulus project awards. This information can be found at www.agc.org/stimulus.

Blueprint for Economic Growth

In response to the current economic crisis, AGC of America developed a comprehensive recovery plan for the industry, titled "Build Now for the Future: A Blueprint for Economic Growth." This plan outlines a series of commonsense incentives,

tax credits, and policy changes designed to stimulate new private- and public-sector demand for construction. The plan can be found at <http://blueprint.agc.org/>.

AGC Lean Construction Forum

The AGC Lean Construction Forum is an online community for all stakeholders throughout the construction industry interested in lean construction processes. The Forum facilitates a dialogue on Lean Construction and is working to develop educational resources and learning opportunities on the use of Lean principles in the construction industry. A website will be unveiled soon and the Forum will meet during the AGC Building Contractors Conference in January 2010 in San Juan, Puerto Rico (www.agc.org/bcc).

Guide to Construction Financing—Second Edition

Originally written in 1999, this 26-page updated Guide explains the construction financing process and points out some of the opportunities and pitfalls for the contractor. This free resource can be found [here](#).

Building Capital Projects in Tough Times

Published as a joint effort of AGC of America and the National Association of State Facilities Administrators (NASFA), this white paper is targeted toward public owners who construct capital projects and those contractors who are engaged in this type of work...particularly in the current challenging economy. This paper can be found [here](#).

Qualifications Based Selection of Contractors

This paper contains a discussion of QBS and the construction industry, an explanation of QBS benefits and challenges, consideration of how QBS works with various project delivery systems, and owner suggestions for QBS best practices. This free resource can be found [here](#).

CM At-Risk State-By-State Information

AGC of America and the National Association of State Facilities Administrators (NASFA) collaborated on a survey of state-by-state information regarding Construction Management At-Risk (i.e. CM At-Risk, CM@R, CM/GC, GC/CM, CMc). Click [here](#) to access the interactive map.

Integrated Project Delivery

AGC of America held two webinars in 2009 focused on Integrated Project Delivery (IPD). They were titled "[IPD: Lessons from the Trenches](#)" and "[Integrated Project Delivery: Why Owners Choose Multiparty](#)." These webinar recordings are available for purchase in the [AGC Bookstore](#).

ConsensusDOCS

ConsensusDOCS released 13 new documents in 2009, including the 310 Green Building Addendum, 752 Federal Subcontract, and 725 Subsubcontract. In addition to holding six webinars and developing an Owners Brochure and a Contracts Catalog, thousands of people participated in the more than 150 educational events across the

nation involving ConsensusDOCS. Information is available at www.agc.org/contracts.

Building Information Modeling

AGC is a leader in the promotion of BIM and AGC's efforts are focused through the AGC BIMForum, whose mission is to facilitate and accelerate the adoption of BIM in the AEC industry. [The BIMForum](#) meets three times per year and has several subforums focused on specific topics. AGC is also developing a [BIM Education Program](#), a six-course curriculum designed to successfully educate construction professionals of all experience levels on a range of topics they would encounter implementing and using BIM.

Building Contractors Conferences

Twice each year AGC of America holds a Building Contractors Conference. This year these conferences were held [January 2009](#) in La Quinta, CA and [June 2009](#) in Hot Springs, VA. Attendees come together to network, exchange ideas, and hear presentations offering timely guidance and best practices. In 2010 these Conferences will be held [January 20-22, 2010](#) at the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, Puerto Rico and [June 9-12, 2010](#) at the Zermatt Resort in Midway, Utah.

Project Delivery Resources

Are you looking for information on project delivery? Visit www.agc.org/projectdelivery and check out the [Project Delivery Resources Chart](#). This chart provides an organized list of all AGC of America project delivery-related resources, including direct links to each resource.

Construction Marketing Resources

AGC's [construction marketing resources](#) include publications, products, a peer network, and a knowledge source focused on helping to increase the profits and visibility of construction firms. In addition, AGC of America and the Society of Marketing Professional Services (SMPS) jointly held a webinar in December 2009 titled the "Ten Rules of Networking." This webinar recording will be available for purchase in the [AGC Bookstore](#) in January 2010.

AGC's 2010 Annual Convention and Pavilion

As a Building Contractor, AGC's Annual Convention is one event you don't want to miss in 2010. With a full slate of keynote speakers, meetings, and education sessions, AGC's Annual Convention will help you meet the challenges of today's economy and better position yourself for success in the year ahead. Register today or learn more at <http://convention.agc.org>. *Early-bird discount ends Dec. 31 – Save up to \$200 off registration.*