

## AGC of Minnesota Update to All Members for the Week Ahead (January 30, 2012)

### Make Transportation Job #1

Time is running out for Congress to pass a multi-year federal transportation bill that will invest in our nation's roads, bridges and transit systems before funding for those programs expires on March 31. To build momentum for passage of such a bill, AGC of America is leading a comprehensive grassroots campaign called Make Transportation Job #1. We strongly urge all members to help support this campaign, visit its website, [www.agc.org/roads](http://www.agc.org/roads), and be sure to:

- (1) Send pre-written letters to your Representatives and Senators;
- (2) Sign a petition expressing your support for passing a highway and transit bill; and
- (3) Use a complete grassroots toolkit with sample letters to the editor and about arranging effective meetings with your Representatives and Senators.

Additionally, to further the campaign's success, we urge you to spread the word about the Make Transportation Job #1 campaign to your business colleagues - both inside and outside the construction industry - as well as your employees.

For more information about AGC's Make Transportation Job #1 campaign, contact Sean O'Neill at [oneills@agc.org](mailto:oneills@agc.org) or 202-547-8892, or Brian Deery at [deeryb@agc.org](mailto:deeryb@agc.org) or 703-837-5319. Thank you in advance for your support of this campaign, your industry and your transportation construction business.

### BIM Training in Duluth

Building Information Modeling (BIM) is changing the way projects are constructed. AGC of America has created the BIM Education Program, a four-part series designed to prepare general and specialty contractors to confidently implement BIM on projects. Completion of all four parts and successfully passing an assessment exam will result in a Certificate of Management – Building Information Modeling (CM-BIM). On **February 13**, we will offer part one of the series: BIM 101 – An Introduction to Building Information Modeling. Take just this introductory course to learn the essential concepts of BIM or plan to take the entire certificate program. Information about the complete CM-BIM program and a registration form for BIM 101 are attached. We have applied for CEU accreditation for this session from the USGBC and AIA.

### BIM Units 2 - 4

We will be offering the remaining three units in the BIM Certificate of Management program at the AGC office on the following dates:

- February 28 and 29** – Technology (Unit 2)
- March 13** – Process, Adoption and Integration (Unit 4)
- March 27** – Contract Negotiation and Risk Allocation (Unit 3)

While all four units are required to sit for the certification exam, it is possible to take single units based on an individual's scope of responsibilities. Registration information is attached.

### STP Coming to Duluth

Unit 1 (Leadership and Motivation) of the Supervisory Training Program (STP) will be offered in Duluth in a two-day format. Day one will be **February 13** at the Holiday Inn and day two will be **February 23** at the DECC, as part of the Professional Development Conference. Hours both days are 7:30 – 5:00 and attendance at both days is required to receive credit for the class. Registration information is attached. Because attendees will need to do some reading in preparation for the February 13 class, **registrations must be received no later than January 30**.

### Duluth Professional Development Conference

On **February 23**, we will hold the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Duluth Professional Development Conference. This event is a restructuring of the former Duluth Safety Day. While there are still some safety-related topics, there is also an emphasis on professional development skills. Registration information is attached.

### AGC/MSU Mankato Team on CPM Education for Northern Highway Contractors

Highway contractors interested in CPM education for estimators, project managers, and others can receive top quality CPM instruction as a part of a new program being offered through Minnesota State Mankato. The first program will begin in northern Minnesota and will be limited to 10 students. Contact Denise Woods at AGC, 651-796-2186 or [dwoods@agcmn.org](mailto:dwoods@agcmn.org), for more information. Program location will be in the Hinkley/Cloquet area and will begin as soon as enough registrations are received. The class level, course details, and schedule will be customized to meet the needs of the company and students.

### AGC Membership Benefit #27

Bertelson Total Office Solutions ([www.bertelsontos.com](http://www.bertelsontos.com)) is offering AGC members a 25% discount off list price. From paperclips to office furniture, Bertelson's carries it all! They are local and can be contacted for deep discounts on volume. Register through Jane Sanem ([jsanem@agcmn.org](mailto:jsanem@agcmn.org)). Bertelson's will then contact you. Please email: Company Name, Contact, Billing Address, and Email. Questions or if you want to see our other discount programs, contact Jane.

### Prevailing Wage Trainings

Mn/DOT is holding contractor Prevailing Wage Trainings around the state in February and March. Information about the sessions, including dates, locations, and how to register is available at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/const/labor/index.html>.

### AGC Bookstore Monthly Featured Products – Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices

Through its on-line bookstore, AGC of America offers monthly featured products, available at a discount to AGC members. A link to the bookstore is available through our home page, [www.agcmn.org](http://www.agcmn.org), or at <http://store.agc.org?Affiliateld=AGCO254>.

All contractors are required to know and meet specifications issued by the Federal Highway Administration. Order this manual to ensure that your team is prepared and compliant. From regulatory signs to pedestrian and worker safety, this manual is comprehensive and easy to navigate.

This item is available at a 25% discount through January using coupon code WeeklyFeature.

**Projects in the AGC of Minnesota Internet Plan Room (IPR), Powered by iSqFt, on January 27, 2012**

**Planning: 681, Bidding: 197, New Projects in the last 7 Days: 71, Projects with Plans: 409**

Project details, plans, and specs are available at [www.isqft.com](http://www.isqft.com). Ask for a free trial – **AGC members get a discount!** For a list of 197 bidding projects posted on January 27, use this link: <http://www.agcmn.org/files/This%20Week's%20Bidding%20Projects.pdf> or go to [www.agcmn.org](http://www.agcmn.org).



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