

Safety for Construction Workers

Working in the construction industry can be dangerous. The nature of the work carries risks, and accidents can result in serious injuries or even death.

OSHA law requires employers to provide a work place that is safe and free from hazards. Yet, everyday construction workers face dangers that threaten their health and lives. According to OSHA, each year 1000 workers die in construction related accidents; a quarter of a million workers suffer injuries resulting in lost work days and construction accidents cost the industry \$13 billion in workers compensation cost alone.

OSHA statistics also show that 90% of the fatalities occur in four categories:

- Caught between objects
- Struck by objects
- Electrocution
- Falls

These accidents are preventable and can be avoided with the proper safety training, precaution, and common sense.

Construction work can indeed be dangerous. The line between a near miss and a fatality is thin. Although, the government will enforce safety and health laws and employers have an obligation to provide a safe and healthy workplace, it is still the worker's responsibility to stay safe

and out of harms way.

Government regulators and inspectors cannot be present at construction sites at all times and, due the nature of the construction business, employers cannot guarantee a 100% safe work place. Simple things such as a change in the weather or the momentary inattention of a fellow worker can lead to a dangerous situation in an instant.

With the proper safety training, awareness of individual responsibilities, and vigilance against hazardous work conditions a worker can reduce, if not eliminate altogether, their risk of being injured at work.

Here are some things a construction worker should do:

- Take advantage of training programs provided by their employer.
- Observe safety rules and regulations at all times.
- Know the equipment and use it correctly.
- Wear and use the right personal protective equipment at all times.
- Use proper barriers and guards always.
- Don't take short cuts with fire, electrical, or fall protection safety equipment.
- Take the time to do the job correctly.
- Report unsafe work conditions.
- Refuse to work in unsafe conditions.



Member News

Kaufman Lynn Construction announced that Sam R. Doggart has joined the corporate office as Vice President and Managing Director of its Healthcare Division. Doggart will be responsible for all aspects of the Healthcare Division with particular emphasis on business development, client delight, LEED and Lean Processes, and consistent high quality/high accountability field operations.

The School District of Palm Beach County (SDPBC) recently selected **Pirtle Construction Company** as the Construction Manager to build the new, \$20.9 million Galaxy Elementary School Project in Boynton Beach, Florida.

Current design expectations are to meet USGBC LEED requirements for LEED Platinum Certification. If successful, Galaxy would be the first LEED Platinum K-12 project in the State of Florida.

Construction is slated to begin in June 2011.

Cummings-Balfour Beatty - A Joint Venture, announced that Florida Atlantic University's dream of a stadium on campus is well on its way to becoming a reality. Dant-Clayton, the bleacher/grandstand subcontractor is providing bleacher seating for 28,700 spectators, with additional seating in twenty-two luxury suites for a total seating capacity of approximately 30,000 seats. The new stadium will be ready for the first home game on October 15, 2011.

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Comprehensive Vehicle Management

Each month Construction FOCUS features a CASF member company, selected by drawing a business card from among those attending the monthly networking breakfast. The next breakfast, sponsored by Turner Construction Company, will be held on Thursday, April 21, 7:30 a.m. at Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes.

Jack Taylor started a car leasing business, Executive Leasing Co., out of the basement of a St. Louis, Missouri car dealership in 1957, which is now known as Enterprise Holdings Co. Five years later, after great demand from his customers, he added a rental car business division with a fleet of just 17 vehicles. Enterprise Fleet

Services became official in 1992 and rapidly grew to 135,000 fleets by 2004. Enterprise

now has locations in the US, Canada, the UK, Ireland, and Germany, currently employing 68,000 people and operating 1.1 million vehicles worldwide. The South Florida branches alone employ about 2,000 employees, 35 of which are located out of the South Florida Fleet Management

Offices.

Enterprise offers comprehensive management to businesses with 15-200 fleets and has more locations than any other car rental company. Their clients have access to a complete staff of local fleet management experts, and are the only company that offers a local Account Team to work directly with them and take responsibility for their entire fleet. Their services include analyzing your current fleet operation and examining each area that makes up the "Holding Cost" based upon your company's specific needs. They will tailor a cost-effective fleet program aimed at reducing all fleet-related expenses and devise a program that will provide a single point of contact for services including: acquisition, funding, maintenance, fuel, tag & title, insurance, disposal, and tracking.

Enterprise's goals are to exceed customers' expectations for service, quality and value, provide their employees with a great place to work, and to serve their surrounding communities as a committed corporate citizen.

Tim Manning, Account Executive for over 10 years states, "The two things I enjoy most about working for Enterprise Fleet Management are the wonderful people and the opportunity for advancement".

Enterprise's strong business model led them to winning the American Business Awards' Best Support Organization in 2006, and to being the first fleet management company to win the Blue Seal award continuing on to win for 12 straight years in a row. The success of Enterprise has also afforded them the opportunity to emerge as one of the world's most environmentally conscious organizations, as reflected through many notable achievements. After launching their Comprehensive Environmental Platform, Enterprise won the American Business Award for Environmental Responsibility Program of the Year for 2009.

"Enterprise has built our network with approximately 25 members and friends of CASF. Not only is CASF a great partner with EFM but we view it as providing great networking opportunities for like-minded professionals with similar business goals and objectives," said Tim Manning.

For more information about EFM, visit their website at www.efleets.com or call Tim Manning at 954-354-5400.



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GSA Launches Program to Educate Contractors

The Obama administration announced a new pilot program to help small and midsize firms break into the federal marketplace and better compete for government contracts.

The *Business Breakthrough Program* will offer a series of educational and training workshops to companies looking to win contracts that the General Services Administration issues. The program also will provide small firms that are new to government contracting access to GSA's mentor-protégé program.

"Getting involved and getting familiar with the government procurement process is not easy," said Ginger Lew, senior adviser to the White House National Economic Council. "It is perceived as being complicated. We have gotten feedback from busi-

nesses that this can be a challenge."

While the program is open to companies of all sizes, it ostensibly is targeting midsize firms that can get lost in the shuffle between industry goliaths and undersized firms that qualify for Small Business Administration socioeconomic set-aside contract opportunities.

"We are trying to provide a venue for larger- and medium-sized companies that can benefit from some training and outreach," Lew said. "We have heard from medium-sized businesses that they are falling through the cracks here. They did not fit the SBA programs, which are geared toward how to get certified as an 8(a) [small business contractor] or as service disabled or women-owned."

The new program will provide participants with the

knowledge "not on how to compete for set-asides with procurement preferences but learning how to compete in the absence of those," said GSA Associate Administrator Jiyoung Park. The goal, she said, is to increase competition in contracting governmentwide.

The initiative will not provide any explicit contracting advantages to participants, although mentor-protégé firms are eligible for certain procurement benefits, Park said.

GSA, which awards roughly \$50 billion in contracts annually, will host two series of workshops: one for companies new to government contracting and another for companies looking to advance in the marketplace.

The program will officially launch in May and will be expanded governmentwide later this year.

2nd Annual Bowling Tournament a Blast!



1st Place - TWG Enterprises/ 1032



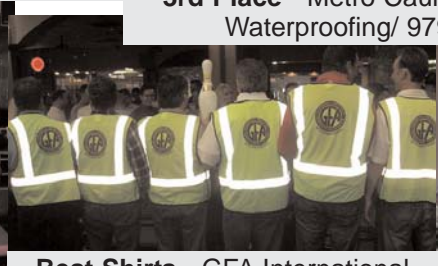
2nd Place - Skanska USA/ 991



3rd Place - Metro Caulking & Waterproofing/ 979



Highest Score - Joe Webster, Whiting-Turner/ 261



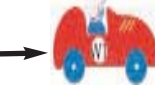
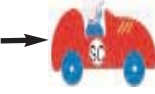
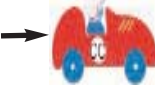
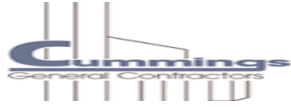
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