Prepare for Hurricanes -- Safeguard Tax Records

With the 2009 hurricane season now underway, the Internal Revenue Service encourages individuals and businesses to safeguard themselves by taking a few simple steps.

Create a Backup Set of Records Electronically

Taxpayers should keep a set of backup records in a safe place. The backup should be stored away from the original set.

Keeping a backup set of records -- including, for example, bank statements, tax returns, insurance policies, home, etc. -- is easier now that many financial institutions provide statements and documents electronically, and much financial information is available on the Internet. Even if the original records are provided only on paper, they can be scanned into an electronic format.

Document Valuables

Another step a taxpayer can take to prepare for disaster is to photograph or videotape the contents of his or her home, especially items of higher value. The IRS has a disaster loss workbook, Publication 584, which can help taxpayers compile a room-by-room list of belongings.

A photographic record can help an individual prove the market value of items for insurance and casualty loss claims. Photos should be stored with a friend or family member who lives outside the area.

Update Emergency Plans

Emergency plans should be reviewed annually. Personal and business situations change over time as do preparedness needs. When employers hire new employees or when a company or organization changes functions, plans should be updated accordingly and employees should be informed of the changes.

Check on Fiduciary Bonds

Employers who use payroll service providers should ask the provider if it has a fiduciary bond in place. The bond could protect the employer in the event of default by the payroll service provider.

If disaster strikes, an affected taxpayer can call 1-866-562-5227 to speak with an IRS specialist trained to handle disaster-related issues.

Member News

DooleyMack Constructors of South Florida has been awarded the contract for the construction of Chatsworth Health Center at Wellington Green. Chatsworth Health Center, a 127,000 sq. ft., three-story building, will provide Assisted Living Services, Assisted Living Apartments, a Skilled Nursing Center, 24-hour Emergency Response and Short and Long-term Rehabilitation Services.

KM/Plaza recently received temporary certificates of occupancy (TCO) on three projects with nearly 3 million square feet of prime space in the Miami area worth an overall estimated $440 million in construction.

The three projects are The Marquis, at nearly 714 feet, which is now the second tallest building in Miami; the W Hotel Resort and Residences, an 875,000 sq. ft. condo-mini-um/hotel and the Town Center One at Dadeland, a 600,000 sq. ft., 24-story office condominium.

Miller Construction Co. announced a $2.2 million expansion and renovation project for Cleveland Clinic’s hospital in Weston, Fla. The multi-faceted project includes constructing a second floor atop a one-story section of the hospital to accommodate a 10-bed expansion of the hospital’s Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), as well as renovating adjacent space to enlarge the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and the hospital’s pharmacy department.
South Florida Window & Door Manufacturer

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 Balfour Beatty Construction, will be held on Thursday, August 20, 7:30 a.m. at the Embassy Suites - Boca Raton off Yamato Road.

Continental Glass Systems (CGS) manufactures and supplies impact-resistant windows and doors. With over 100,000 square feet of warehouse space in their factory located in Hialeah, they maintain a massive inventory to ensure a quick and accurate delivery of each product line. In addition to their presence in the South Florida market and the United States, Continental is a completely vertical company from design to manufacturing to installations.

They specialize in rehab of high-rise condominiums as well as new construction projects. Product lines consist of impact glass, insulated glass, and insulated-impact products. Continental offers a full selection of windows and doors including storefront systems, single hung windows, fixed windows, casements, curtain-wall, sliding glass doors, out-swing doors and even glass railing systems. They have a full-service facility that includes estimating, shop drawings, calculations, installation and field/project management to supervise projects on a daily basis.

Continental Glass Systems only use state-of-the-art equipment including Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machines to custom-design and fabricate aluminum. This allows for greater accuracy and efficiency and can create 3D structures and curves just as easily as straight lines. By utilizing the latest technologies available, Continental has dramatically reduced labor necessary to cut materials and as a result, has helped create a safer working environment for their employees. Continental also utilizes the latest AutoCad technology as their in-house design tool to customize shop drawings for each project. This innovative software offers a detailed view into every facet of a project and allows Continental personnel to examine every angle to verify accuracy and make any possible revision that may be required on the project.

Continental always follows the most stringent safety guidelines in the industry to be in full compliance with OSHA Standards. They carefully coordinate and handle the products before, during and after the shipment of all orders and make a safe, prompt delivery to the construction site.

Some notable South Florida projects Continental has completed include: Arlen House East, Jade Ocean, Palazzo del Mare, Ocean Colony, Renaissance One, Ocean Manor, Parker Plaza, Whitehall, Two Midtown and Flamingo South. Continental has also completed some exception-al, high-profile projects including Rockefeller Center and One Madison Avenue in Manhattan, as well as, the Operations Control Center for Continental Airlines at the Newark International Airport.

Their corporate headquarters and factory is located at 325 West 74th Place in Hialeah. The phone number is 305-231-1101. For more information, go to their website at www.cgsfl.com.
The Real Winners of the 2009 Membership Challenge

In alpha order, they are:

- ADONEL CONCRETE, Luis Garcia
  Concrete Supplies.
- ADVANCED FIRE & SECURITY,
  Eric Fechter, Fire Protection
  Equipment & Systems.
- ADVANCED RECREATIONAL
  CONCEPTS, Georgette Roper, Park
  Equipment.
- AETNA CONSTRUCTION, Steven
  Watkins, A/C Contractor.
- AIRSTRON, Maxine Lopez, A/C
  Contractor.
- ALUMIGLASS, Scott Toler, Glass &
  Glazing Contractor.
- APPLEGATE USA, Richard
  Applegate, Sheet Metal.
- ASPEN AIR CONDITIONING, Steve
  Maguire, A/C Contractor.
- B&B CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,
  Kris Bowe, Drywall Contractor; Metal
  Framing; Plaster and Stucco
  Contractor; Metal Framing; Metal
  Framing, Glass Contractor; Terrazzo;
  Floor Coverings; Wall Coverings.
- BLACKSTREET ENTERPRISES,
  Lionel Dunbar, General Contractor.
- CARIBBEAN FIRE &
  ASSOCIATES, Robert Stewart, Fire
  Protection Equipment & Systems.
- CASS, LEVY & LEONE, Steve
  Ritmiller, Certified Public Accountants.
- CCK CONSTRUCTION SERVICES,
  Pete Chryplweicz, Concrete
  Contractor.
- CENTERPOINT CONSTRUCTION,
  Jim Chamberlin, Shell Contractor;
  Concrete Contractor; Masonry
  Contractor.
- CITY EXCAVATING, Gino
  Campobasso, Site Contractor.
- DECO TRUSS COMPANY, Mario
  Espiniera, Jr., Building Supplies.
- DOUBLE P CONSTRUCTION,
  Alessandro Potenti, Shell Contractor.
- DRAWDY BROTHERS CON-
  struction, Danny Drawdy, Shell
  Contractor.
- DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTAL
  DRILLING, Najib Halwani, Well
  Contractor.
- FREEDOM ALUMINUM, Jeff Angus,
  Aluminum Fabricator.
- FURMAN INSURANCE, Phil Grose,
  Insurance.
- GEMINI FLOORING, Danny Sabag,
  Floor Coverings; Wall Coverings.
- GILLETTE CONSTRUCTION SER-
  VICE CORP., Sandie Domando, Shell
  Contractor.
- GLASS ENGINEERING & INSTAL-
  LATION, Robert Clark, Glass &
  Glazing Contractor; Doors; Windows.
- GOLDEN GLASS DESIGNS, Luis
  Castillo, Glass & Glazing Contractor.
- GORDY'S EQUIPMENT OF
  BROWARD, Gary Kalb, Equipment
  Rental.
- HEALEY PLUMBING, Pete Healey,
  Plumbing Contractor.
- IMPACT PAINTING, Casandra
  Azzman, Paint & Decorating
  Contractor; Waterproofing Contractor.
- IN-DESIGN STUDIO, Laura Rachlin,
  Interior Design.
- J&S CONTRACTORS, Gerald
  Fitzgerald, Drywall Contractor; Interior
  Contractor; Plaster & Stucco
  Contractor; Metal Framing; Metal
  Roofing.
- KEVIN J. TAYLOR, P.A., Kevin
  Taylor, Attorney.
- KHS&S CONTRACTORS, Jere
  Little, Interior Contractor; Stonework;
  Paint & Decorating Contractor.
- KOLDAIRE, Frank Monti, A/C
  Contractor.
- LACE FOODSERVICE CORP., Luis
  Fernandez, Commercial Kitchen
  Equipment.
- LAMINATORS, Janice Olsen, Signs;
  Aluminum Fabricator.
- LAND & SEA PETROLEUM, Kyle
  Albertie, Petroleum Marketer.
- MCNAMARA/SALVIA, Andrew
  Sullivan, Engineers.
- MOLLOY INTERIORS, Erin Molloy,
  Interior Contractor; Drywall
  Contractor; Acoustical Contractor.
- MORLIC ENGINEERING CORP., J.
  Orlando Mora, Engineering
  Contractor.
- NATIONAL CONCRETE STRUCT-
  TURES, Jorge Tapia, Shell
  Contractor.
- NAVARRO CONSTRUCTION CO.,
  Ruben Navarro, Pavers.
- NTS CONCRETE
  CONSTRUCTION, Nicholas Spau,
  Concrete Contractor.
- PIP PRINTING, Ruben Holschauer,
  Printing.
- PROFESSIONAL SURFACE -
  INSTALLATIONS DBA
  ACCUFLOOR, William McClain,
  Concrete Repair; Floor
  Underlayments; Waterproofing
  Contractor; Terrazzo; Roof Coverings.
- REDLAND COMPANY, James
  Easom, Site Contractor.
- REGAL KITCHENS, Tony Pace,
  Kitchens.
- RELIANT CONSTRUCTION CORP.,
  Charles Urungu, Shell Contractor.
- RESEARCH IRRIGATION, Kenneth
  Bing, Irrigation Contractor.
- SCHINDLER ELEVATOR CORP.,
  Drew Glines, Elevator Contractor.
- SEI WIRELESS SOLUTIONS,
  David Jenner, Communications.
- SOUTHWEST CONSTRUCTION
  SERVICES, John Curcio, Masonry
  Contractor.
- SSE MODERNFOLD, Ralph Olesky,
  Operable Walls.
- SUDDATH RELOCATION SYS-
  TEMS, John Trevathan, Moving;
  Warehousing.
- THE CLASSIC PAINTBRUSH, Mary
  Guiliano, Paint & Decorating
  Contractor; Wall Coverings.
- TRINITY A/C COMPANY, Tim
  Alexander, A/C Contractor.
- TROPIC LANDSCAPING AND
  LAWN MAINTENANCE, David
  Santana, Landscaping; Irrigation
  Contractor.
- UNITED FIRE PROTECTION, Kurt
  Lewis, Fire Protection Equipment &
  System.
- UNLIMITED ELECTRICAL CON-
  TRACTORS CORP., Mitchell
  Pageray, Electrical Contractor.
- VALIDIANT CONSTRUCTION CORP.,
  Carey Barrett, Plaster & Stucco
  Contractor.
- WIGINTON FIRE SYSTEMS, Don
  Wiginton, Fire Protection Equipment &
  Systems.

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the Buyers Guide section of
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2009 CASF MEMBER APPRECIATION Party

July 22, at Hugh's Catering

Arlett Hudson (l), on the Stiles Construction Team is the Individual Winner for the second year in a row bringing in 30 of the 60 new CASF members.