

Safety Meeting: EPA Laws Regarding Renovation & Repair

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that renovations and repairs of pre-1978 buildings must now be conducted using safe practices to protect children and pregnant women from exposure to lead-based paint.

EPA proposed the Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, which requires contractors to be trained and certified in lead-safe work practices, in 2006. In 2008, EPA finalized the rule and set April 22, 2010 as the implementation date. To date, EPA has certified 204 training providers who have conducted more than 6,900 courses, training an estimated 160,000 people in the construction and remodeling industries to use lead-

safe work practices.

EPA will continue to provide support and assistance to states, industry and communities on all aspects of implementing this rule. Recognizing the large number of contractors subject to the rule, EPA is increasing its outreach efforts and providing guidance to facilitate compliance and ease the transition period following the rule's effective date. This guidance can be obtained at: www.epa.gov/lead. EPA's number for inquiries about the new requirements: 800-424-LEAD.

EPA expects to finalize the lead-safe work practices to renovations on public and commercial buildings by July 2011. The advance notice also announces EPA's inves-

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Member News

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A new bridge at Port Everglades, part of the Port's Expansion Plan through 2014, was completed under a contract with **Moss & Associates LLC** and opened June 10, 2010, at the Broward County seaport.

"We are pleased that daily port operations ran smoothly during construction, which we coordinated to avoid interruptions in traffic and cruise activity," said Dick Slater, Moss vice president and project executive.

The bridge, completed seven weeks ahead of schedule, is part of an overhaul at the Port that includes an expansion of cargo and cruise facilities.

Stiles Construction recently announced that it was awarded a \$9 million dollar construction project by the Museum of Discovery and Science EcoDiscovery Center in Fort Lauderdale.

With a targeted completion date slated for early summer 2011, this 31,000 square foot expansion project will create approximately 100 construction jobs.

The Pine Crest Preparatory School's Lower School Building constructed by **Pirtle Construction Company** has earned LEED for Schools Gold Certification from the United States Green Building Council (USGBC). The project, located on Pine Crest's Boca Raton campus, originally slated by the Owner to be a 'certified' building, is the first academic LEED building for Pine Crest.



Pine Crest Lower School Building

2010 CASF Summer Getaway & Planning Meeting

KEY LARGO GRANDE
Resort & Beach Club

August 13 - 15, 2010
Get Plugged in!

(Cut-off date for room reservations is 7/13/10)

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2010 Installation Banquet Pictures

A "No Surprises" Approach to Construction

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 Dragados USA, will be held on Thursday, July 22, 7:30 a.m. at Shula's Hotel in Miami Lakes.

In South Florida, Balfour Beatty's roots date back to 1933. Frank J. Rooney founded a construction company in Miami, Florida, and operated under his name for 57 years. The business was built around talented people

renamed the US-based firm Balfour Beatty Construction. With annual revenues in excess of \$3 billion at the end of 2009, Balfour Beatty was ranked 14th by Engineering News-Record's List of the Top 400 Contractors. Next year, they are on pace to break into the top 10.

The firm has earned a reputation of treating its trade subcontractors as business partners. The firm has thousands of relationships within the trade subcontractor community. Thus, it is relatively easy for Balfour Beatty to generate interest and excitement for every one of its projects to ensure they get the very best craftsmen and pricing for its clients. This is a key component of the firm's "no surprises" approach which develops trust between Balfour Beatty and their clients that leads

to a successful, more enjoyable construction experience. It is no surprise why Balfour Beatty enjoys one of the highest repeat business ratios in the industry.

As a company, the Green movement is not new at Balfour Beatty because of the European parents and counterparts. They understand the impact that the building environment has on the planet, and they are doing their part to propel and support the spirit of sustainable building and implementing innovative approaches. In each of Balfour Beatty's locations, their green task teams actively promote their eco-engaged initiative and incorporate environmental considerations into the planning and operational processes. A few of Balfour Beatty's notable achievements include: the first firm in the State of Florida to build Gold-certified project; more than 350 LEED Accredited Professionals; one of the top 25 Green Contractors by Engineering News-Record; more than \$2 billion in sustainable projects under construction; and they are a proud sponsor of the U.S. Green Building Council's Greenbuild Conference and Expo.

Their vision is to differentiate themselves so significantly that they change the industry. They have come a long way towards fulfilling that vision.

For more information about Balfour Beatty, you can visit their website at www.BalfourBeattyUS.com, or call Clinton Glass, SVP and Business Unit Leader for South Florida at (954) 585-4000.

Balfour Beatty Construction

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Staying in Business After a Major Disaster

With the 2010 Hurricane season upon us, now is the time for South Florida business owners to focus on how to stay in business after a major disaster.

Business continuity planning is often seen as either unrelated to the business plan or, at best, a necessary evil. Even those businesses that do have a plan seldom review it for consistency with the current state of the business. A plan written three years ago is likely to be incompatible with the existing business.

The reality is that business continuity is a strategic investment that helps a business stay competitive, even in the face of a temporary disruption. Here are some quick facts provided by the Houston Area Research Center:

- ♦ 35 – 40 percent of businesses disrupted by a disaster without a continuity plan never reopen.
- ♦ The 5-year average of U.S. disaster losses is \$2.5 billion (pre Hurricane Katrina).
- ♦ Every dollar spent on disaster preparedness saves \$7 in recovering disaster related economic losses.

How do you plan to stay in business if a disaster strikes?

- Of course you need to be informed - Know what kinds of emergencies might affect your company.

- Carefully assess how your company functions, both internally and externally, through continuity planning.

- Account for all hazards (both man-made and natural

disasters). You should plan in advance to manage any emergency situation.

- How quickly your company can get back to business after a hurricane, terrorist attack, tornado, fire or flood often depends on emergency planning. Start planning now to improve the likelihood that your company will survive and recover.

- Determine which staff, materials, procedures and equipment are absolutely necessary to keep the business operational.

- Review your business process flow chart, if one exists.

- Identify operations critical to survival and recovery.

- Include emergency payroll, expedited financial decision-making and accounting systems to track and document costs in the event of a disaster.

- Establish procedures for succession of management. Include at least one person who is not at the company headquarters, if applicable.

- Identify your suppliers, shippers, resources and other businesses you must interact with on a daily basis.

When considering how to protect your supply lines, think about:

- Diversity - Develop professional relationships with more than one company to use in case your primary contractor cannot service your needs. You may even want to look for one out of state supplier in case your local and regional suppliers are disrupted by a disaster.

- Ask that supplier how they intend to serve you in the event there is a disruption

of the local transportation system.

- If you find yourself in the unfortunate situation of having to replace critical assets after a disaster, understand that you will find yourself in competition with everyone else who needs those same assets. Having an informal agreement, or a formalized agreement, with a supplier could benefit you.

- If you have a little extra storage space, consider stockpiling those inventory items that are the most critical to your business operations. Usually 3-7 days worth is sufficient.

- Consider entering into an agreement with a friendly competitor that you will share resources with you in the event of a disaster.

- Plan what you will do if your building, plant or store is not accessible.

- Consider if you can run the business from a different location or from your home.

- Develop relationships with other companies to use their facilities in case a disaster makes your location unusable.

- Identify production machinery, computers, custom parts and other essential equipment needed to keep your business open. Plan how to replace or repair vital equipment. Store extra supplies for use in an emergency.

Hopefully this information is helpful in making sure your business is ready if disaster strikes.



EPA Laws

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tigation into lead-based paint hazards that may be created by renovations on the interior of these public and commercial buildings.

What you need to know about the EPA Law:

- ◆ Certification requires an 8 hour training course from a certified instructor.
- ◆ All related paperwork is maintained at the jobsite and is valid for 3 years upon project completion.
- ◆ One key product utilized for testing that is approved by the EPA is the Lead Check Swab and is available at all Lowe's and Home Depot locations.
- ◆ HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) vacuum filters are required during the clean-up process.
- ◆ A list of the required materials needed for proper testing, as well as course information, is available at KTG Property's website at www.ktgproperty.com.

Just Vote NO! on Amendment 4

This November, voters will be faced with a number of tough decisions at the ballot box. Fortunately, one of the most important decisions should also be the easiest.

Amendment 4, a "citizens will have to VOTE ON EVERYTHING related to land use changes, amendments, and even text corrections to existing regulations", would cause delays in the approval process that would kill jobs, raise taxes, increase costs and frequency of elections, and lead to endless litigation at taxpayer expense.

Amendment 4 has been

referred to as a 'stimulus package for special interest lawyers'.

In addition, it will be responsible for developmental delays and lack of decisions and failures in the development of projects.

As Florida attempts to recover from this devastating recession and the impact of the recent "Deepwater

Horizon Disaster", the last thing we need is

Amendment 4, a proposal that would raise taxes, cost jobs, and hurt Florida's working families and small businesses. This November, **VOTE NO on Amendment 4!**

VOTE NO ON 4

"Although it is a bad idea in any economy, Amendment 4 is a uniquely destructive proposal in the midst of a recession. As Floridians struggle to recover from the current crisis, the special interests behind Amendment 4 are preparing to lead us into a new one."

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