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**INVEST IN
SAFETY
YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT**

THE FOUR FINANCIAL REASONS WHY CONTRACTORS NEED SAFETY

Owning or managing a construction company, chances are you have a lot on your mind, from hiring employees to managing projects to paying bills. One thing that probably isn't top on your list is implementing safety policies and procedures. While no one would blame you for overlooking safety, that doesn't mean it is a good idea. When you fail to put safety measures in place at your business, you run the risk of losing everything you have spent so many years to build. That's because one on-the-job accident can end up costing you a tremendous amount of money, not to mention how costly it could be to one or more of your employees.

So, how can you keep your jobsite safe when you know little to nothing about implementing safety procedures? While you may believe you cannot afford such an investment, here are some important reasons why you cannot afford NOT to:

1. Even small injuries cost big money.

According to the Department of Labor, if an employee has a lost time accident on the job, the business owner can be facing nearly \$100,000 in direct and indirect costs.

2. Insurance doesn't cover everything.

If you are counting on your insurance plan to pick up the tab, think again. Insurance carriers usually cover only a portion of the costs associated with on-the-job injuries.

3. Worker compensation costs skyrocket after just one injury.

If you think worker compensation insurance is high now, just wait until you have an accident. Just one claim can cause a huge spike in your premium.

4. Injuries hurt more than an individual.

A good reputation is something that takes years to build, but only seconds to destroy. When persons are injured at your site because you didn't do what was necessary to keep them safe, you can bet people are going to question your judgement.

Perhaps most importantly -- and not on the list -- is the fact that all of us in the construction industry have a moral obligation to protect ourselves and each other to ensure that anyone who sets foot on a jobsite, does so in the safest manner possible. *Associated Buildings & Contractors, Inc., By Don Moen*



HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE DELAYS DISCUSSION ON HIGHWAY BILLS TODAY

The House Finance Committee today at 2:30 p.m. or later will continue discussion on H.B. 102, the Governor's highway bill, and H.B. 103, continuing tolls on the West Virginia Turnpike.

West Virginia Transportation Secretary Tom Smith, Governor Justice's Legislative Director Joe Garcia, and Deputy Secretary of Revenue Mark Muchow all spoke today in favor of the Governor's highway funding proposal. Industry will have an opportunity to speak at the meeting. During budget negotiations, Governor Jim

Justice frequently comes back to his road construction plan to raise gas taxes and DMV fees to finance over \$2 billion in road construction bonds. The Governor's effort to kick-start the state's economy rests on his proposal to fix and build roads, putting thousands of West Virginians to work. However, Justice and the Republican leadership in the House of Delegates remain at odds over how to best address the issue of infrastructure needs. House leaders say they are willing to support what will amount to about an eight-cent a gallon tax increase *if* the citizens approve a road bond issue first. They point out that the Legislature has already passed a resolution authorizing a road bond, so Governor Justice could call an election in 90 days. If voters approve the bond, the Legislature could quickly pass the taxes to pay for the bond.

Justice, Senate leaders and the road construction industry want the tax increases first, before a vote on the bond. They argue an immediate increase in taxes and fees will salvage this road paving season.

PETERSBURG, WV – RENOVATIONS TO SOUTH BRANCH CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER

BID DATE:	May 18, 2017 (1:30 p.m.)	BIDS TO:	S. Branch Career/Tech Center, Petersburg, WV
ARCHITECT:	Williamson Shriver, Inc., Charleston, WV	PRE-BID:	MANDATORY – 5/4/17 (1:30 p.m.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	4/17/17	ADDENDA:	#1, #2

MORGANTOWN, WV – WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY – MOUNTAINLAIR ROOF REPLACEMENT, SECTION A – RFB90003730Y

BID DATE:	May 18, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)	BIDS TO:	WVU, Procurement/Contr., Morgantown, WV
ARCHITECT:	Technical Assurance, Carmel, IN	PRE-BID:	MANDATORY – 5/5/17 (9:00 a.m.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	4/28/17	ADDENDA:	#1, #2, #3, #4

WILLIAMSON, WV – ROOF REPLACEMENT – KERMIT PK-8 & LENORE PK-8 SCHOOLS

BID DATE:	May 23, 2017 (11:00 a.m.)	BIDS TO:	Mingo Co. Board of Educ., Williamson, WV
ARCHITECT:	Williamson Shriver Architects, Charleston, WV	PRE-BID:	MANDATORY – 5/17/17 (11:00 a.m.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	5/3/17	ADDENDA:	#1, #2, #3

ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH – REBID – OUE – HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION CENTER – PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT

BID DATE:	May 24, 2017 (10:00 a.m.)	BIDS TO:	Nancy Graves, Dir., Athens, OH
ARCHITECT:	CT Consultants, Inc., Wheeling, WV		
PLANS RECEIVED:	5/15/17		

WOOD COUNTY, WV – SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

BID DATE:	May 24, 2017 (11:00 a.m.)	BIDS TO:	Central Boaz Public Service, Davisville, WV
ARCHITECT:	Cerrone Assoc., Wheeling, WV	PRE-BID:	MANDATORY – 5/9/17 (10:00 a.m.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	4/19/17		

GRANT COUNTY, WV – REBID – PETERSBURG ELEM. SCHOOL – FIRE ALARM REPLACEMENT & RELATED ALTERATIONS

BID DATE:	May 24, 2017 (1:00 p.m.)	BIDS TO:	Grant Co. Board of Educ., Petersburg, WV
ARCHITECT:	*McKinley & Associates, Inc., Wheeling, WV	PRE-BID:	MANDATORY – 5/9/17 (11:00 a.m.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	5/1/17		

MARTINS FERRY, OH – FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MARTINS FERRY – MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING

BID DATE:	May 24, 2017 (4:00 p.m.)	BIDS TO:	First Christian Church, Martins Ferry, OH
ARCHITECT:	*GreenCore Designs, St. Clairsville, OH	PRE-BID:	MANDATORY – 05/4/17 (4:00 P.M.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	5/12/17		

MT. ZION, WV – RENOVATIONS TO CALHOUN COUNTY MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL WWTP

BID DATE:	May 25, 2017 (1:30 p.m.)	BIDS TO:	Calhoun Co. Board of Educ., Mt. Zion, WV
ARCHITECT:	Williamson Shriver, Inc., Charleston, WV	PRE-BID:	MANDATORY – 5/11/17 (11:00 a.m.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	4/17/17	ADDENDA:	#1, #2

WHEELING, WV – CITY OF WHEELING – WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 5 – NEW STACK YARD TANK

BID DATE:	June 1, 2017 (2:00 p.m.)	BIDS TO:	City Manager, Wheeling, WV
ARCHITECT:	CT Consultants Inc., Mentor, OH	PRE-BID:	5/25/17 (1:00 p.m.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	5/16/17		

EAST LIVERPOOL, OH – CMHA – NEW ENTRY SYSTEM – WOODLAND HILLS COMMUNITY BUILDING

BID DATE:	June 7, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)	BIDS TO:	Bernard Bennett, Ex. Dr., East Liverpool, OH
ARCHITECT:	Shaeffer & Madama, Inc., Wheeling, WV	PRE-BID:	MANDATORY – 5/24/17 (3:00 p.m.)
PLANS RECEIVED:	5/9/17		

LOW BIDDERS

WHEELING, WV – EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS TO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER

Apparent Low:	Wilson Restoration, Pittsburgh, PA	412-793-4400
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***DENOTES OVCEC MEMBER**

TOOL BOX TALK



Appendix D to Sec. 1910.134

(Mandatory) Information for Employees Using Respirators When Not Required Under the Standard

Respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards when properly selected and worn.

Respirator use is encouraged, even when exposures are below the exposure limit, to provide an additional level of comfort and protection for workers. However, if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to the worker.

Sometimes, workers may wear respirators to avoid exposures to hazards, even if the amount of hazardous substance does not exceed the limits set by OSHA standards. If your employer provides respirators for your voluntary use, or if you provide your own respirator, you need to take certain precautions to be sure that the respirator itself does not present a hazard.

You should do the following:

1. **Read** and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirators limitations.
2. Choose **respirators certified** for use to protect against the contaminant of concern. NIOSH, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, certifies respirators. A label or statement of certification should appear on the respirator or respirator packaging. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for and how much it will protect you.
3. **Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants** for which your respirator is not designed to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will not protect you against gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.
4. **Keep track of your respirator** so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.





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TO: ALL PROJECT **BEST** PARTICIPATING CONTRACTORS
AND BUILDING TRADES REPRESENTATIVES

WORKSHOP: ***PREVAILING WAGE COMPLIANCE & PAYROLL FRAUD***

Continuing in our workshop series designed to advance and promote labor and management in the construction industry, a presentation will be held on ***Wednesday, June 7, 2017*** beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Safety and Training Room of the Ohio Valley Construction Employers Council, 21 Armory Drive, Wheeling, West Virginia. ***Lunch will be served immediately following the conclusion of the discussion.***

Representatives from Labor and Wage Solutions will discuss how to help prevent Prevailing Wage Law violations and payroll fraud in our industry so our local, compliant contractors have a fair chance in the bidding process. Your attendance at this all-important, industry-wide presentation is extremely important.

In view of limited space, please **RSVP** to Lisa Goodnight at the Project **BEST** office at 304-214-9800 or 740-282-3616, or via e-mail at lisa@projectbest.com **by Wednesday, May 31, 2017.**