



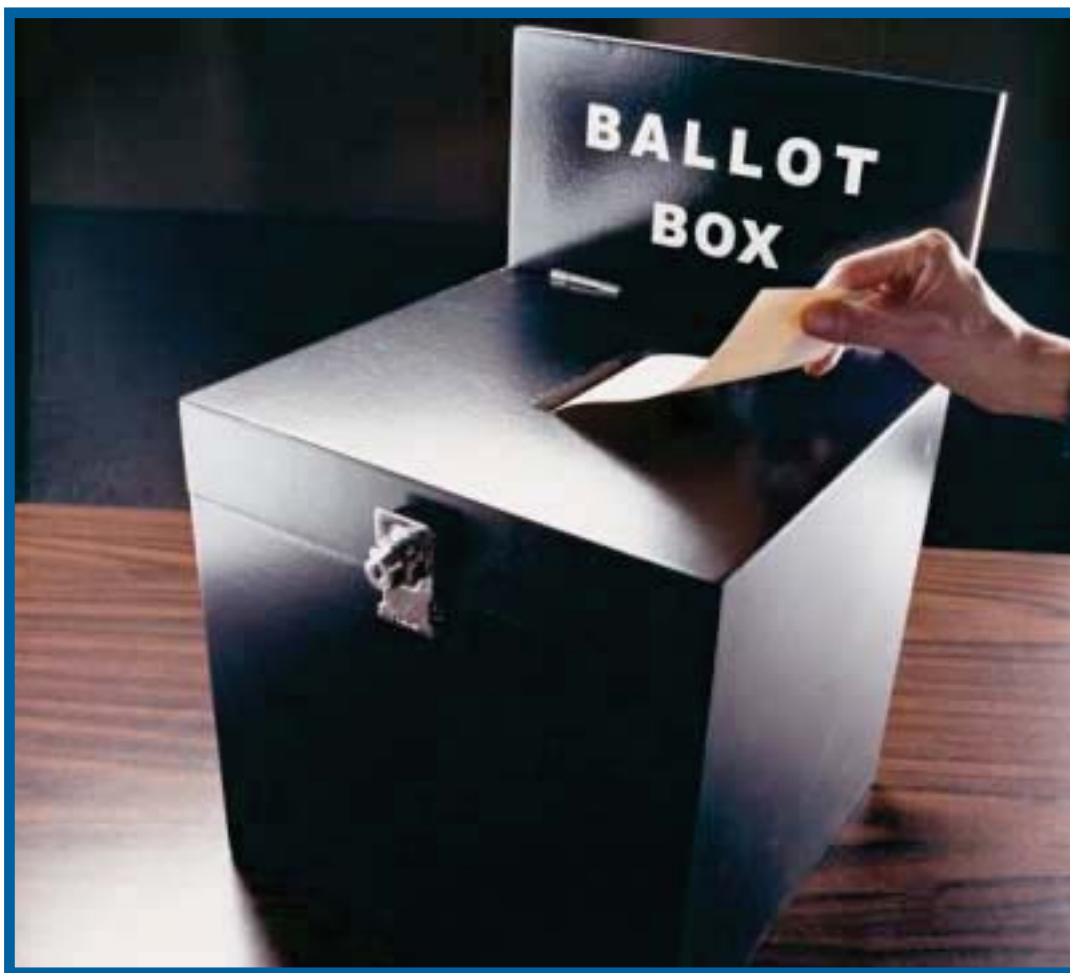
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2010 Ballot Amendments

The following is a list of the Amendments that will be placed on the November 2010 Ballot.

Amendment 1 – Campaign finance Repeal of the public financing of statewide candidates who agree to spending limits.

The proposal calls for a repeal of the public financing of statewide candidates who agree to spending limits.

According to the Florida Department of Elections the summary of the measure reads as follows:

Proposing the repeal of the provision in the State Constitution that requires public financing of campaigns of candidates for elective statewide office who agree to campaign spending limits.

Amendment 2 – Taxes An additional homestead property tax exemption for members of the United States military or military reserves.

The proposal calls for providing a homestead property tax exemption to members of the United States military or military reserves who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii.

According to the Florida Department of Elections the summary of the measure reads as follows:

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to require the Legislature to provide an additional homestead property tax exemption by law for members of the United States military or military reserves, the United States Coast Guard or its reserves, or the Florida National Guard who receive a homestead exemption and were deployed in the previous year on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The exempt amount will be based upon the

number of days in the previous calendar year that the person was deployed on active duty outside the continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii in support of military operations designated by the Legislature. The amendment is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2011.

Amendment 3 – Taxes Reduces the maximum annual increase in the assessed values of nonhomestead properties to 5%.

The proposal calls for limiting the maximum annual increase in the assessed values of nonhomestead property to 5%. Additionally, it calls for providing a \$25,000 exemption for people who have not owned a “principal property” in the previous 8 years.

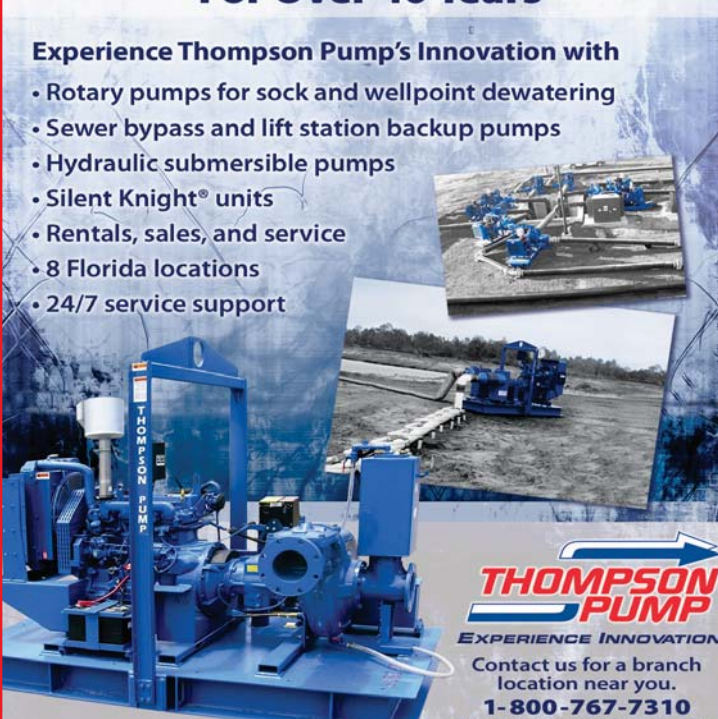
According to the Florida Department of Elections the summary of the measure reads as follows:

The State Constitution generally limits the maximum annual increase in the assessed value of nonhomestead property to 10 percent annually. This proposed amendment reduces the maximum annual increase in the assessed values of those properties to 5 percent annually. This amendment also requires the Legislature to provide an additional homestead exemption for persons who have not owned a principal residence during the preceding 8 years. Under the exemption, 25 percent of the just value of a first-time homestead, up to \$100,000, will be exempt from property taxes. The amount of the additional exemption will decrease in each succeeding year for 5 years by the greater of 20 percent of the initial additional exemption or the difference between the just value and the assessed value of the property. The additional exemption will not be available in

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the 6th and subsequent years.

**Amendment 4 – Property rights
Requires voter approval of all
changes to local comprehensive
land-use plans.**

The initiative proposes to require voter approval of all changes to local comprehensive land-use plans. Currently, county and city commissioners make comprehensive plan change decisions.

Amendment 4's official ballot title is:

Referenda Required For Adoption
And Amendment of Local
Government Comprehensive Land
Use Plans.

The official ballot summary is:

Establishes that before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, the proposed plan or amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body and notice. Provides definitions.

If Proposed Amendment 4 is approved on November 2, it will amend Section 7 of Article II of the Florida Constitution by adding this subsection:

Public participation in local

government comprehensive land use planning benefits the conservation and protection of Florida's natural resources and scenic beauty, and the long-term quality of life of Floridians. Therefore, before a local government may adopt a new comprehensive land use plan, or amend a comprehensive land use plan, such proposed plan or plan amendment shall be subject to vote of the electors of the local government by referendum, following preparation by the local planning agency, consideration by the governing body as provided by general law, and notice thereof in a local newspaper of general circulation. Notice and referendum will be as provided by general law. This amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval by the electors of Florida.

For purposes of this subsection:

1. "Local government" means a county or municipality.
2. "Local government comprehensive land use plan" means a plan to guide and control future land development in an area under the jurisdiction of a local government.
3. "Local planning agency" means the agency of a local government that is responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive land use plan and plan amendments after public notice and hearings and for making recommendations to

the governing body of the local government regarding the adoption or amendment of a comprehensive land use plan.

4. "Governing body" means the board of county commissioners of a county, the commission or council of a municipality, or the chief elected governing body of a county or municipality, however designated.

**Amendment 5 – Redistricting
Amends the current practice of
drawing legislative district
boundaries.**

The measure proposes amending the current practice of drawing legislative district boundaries in such ways that they establish "fairness," are "as equal in population as feasible" and use "city, county and geographical boundaries."

Below is the ballot summary for Amendment 5:

Legislative districts or districting plans may not be drawn to favor or disfavor an incumbent or political party. Districts shall not be drawn to deny racial or language minorities the equal opportunity to participate in the political process and elect representatives of their choice. Districts must be contiguous. Unless otherwise required, districts must be compact, as equal in population as feasible, and where feasible must make use of existing city, county and

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geographical
boundaries.

**Amendment 6 –
Redistricting
Amends the
current practice
of drawing
congressional
district
boundaries.**

The measure
proposes amending
the current practice
of drawing
congressional
district boundaries
in such ways that
they establish
“fairness,” are “as
equal in population
as feasible” and use
“city, county and
geographical
boundaries.”

Below is the ballot
summary for
Amendment 6:

*Congressional districts or districting
plans may not be drawn to favor or
disfavor an incumbent or political
party. Districts shall not be drawn
to deny racial or language
minorities the equal opportunity
to participate in the political
process and elect representatives
of their choice. Districts must be
contiguous. Unless otherwise
required, districts must be
compact, as equal in population as
feasible, and where feasible must
make use of existing city, county
and geographical boundaries.*

**Amendment 8 – Education
Changes the current “maximum”
class sizes to school-wide
“average” class sizes.**

The legislation asks for voters to
change the Florida Constitution’s
current “‘maximum’ class sizes to
school-wide ‘average’ class sizes.”
Specifically the measure would
amend Section 1 of Article IX and
create Section 31 of Article XII in

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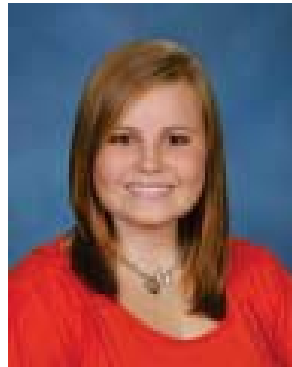




NUCA Foundation Awards William & Shirley Burgett Scholarship to Florida Student Tiffany Benton

The NUCA Foundation for Education and Research has awarded its 2010 \$2,000 William & Shirley Burgett Scholarship to Tiffany F. Benton of Green Cove Springs, Florida. Funding for this one-time award of \$2,000 is made possible by the generous endowment of NUCA member William Burgett and his wife Shirley.

A graduate of Ridge View High School of Orange Park, FL, Tiffany Benton is the daughter of Mendy and Michael Benton, who works for EWP Construction in Orange Park, FL. In the fall, Tiffany will enter the University of Central Florida, where she plans to major in Forensic



and then open her own children's center for forensic sciences. To prepare herself for the future, she was a four-year International Baccalaureate Program student, Secretary of the National Spanish Honor Society, member of the

Science with a minor in Education. After graduation, she would like to work for her state's forensic department

International Thespian Society, and she worked in numerous community service volunteer organizations. She enjoys drama and writing song lyrics. She has worked as a nanny for three years to save for college and pay for her own school expenses.

Foundation scholarship recipients must be the sons/daughters of parents/legal guardians employed by NUCA member companies, student employees (including part-time) of NUCA member companies, or dependents of NUCA chapter executive directors. Additionally, applicants must be entering (as a freshman) a two- or four-year college or university in the fall.

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In making its selections, the Foundation's Scholarship Committee considers an applicant's scholastic standing, ACT and/or SAT scores, extracurricular activities, community service, career goals, work experience and an essay. This year's essay topic was: "Success or Failure: The Impact of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on the Nation, My State, and My Local Community."

The judges of the Foundation's 2010 scholarship competition were: Richard Foster (PKF-Mark III Inc., Newtown PA), Alan Gravel (Willow Construction, Powder Springs GA), Wendell Wood (MMJ Consulting, Inc., Battle Creek, MI), and Debbie Richmond (Armadillo Underground, Inc., Fort Myers, FL).

The NUCA Foundation for Education and Research is the education and research arm of the Arlington, Virginia-based National Utility Contractors Association, which has a nationwide network of chapters and represents company members that provide the workforce and materials to advance the water, sewer, gas, electric, telecommunications and construction site development industries across the country. The NUCA Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors Wins Two National Awards

Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. in Jacksonville, Florida won two awards from the National Utility Contractors Association. The award presentation took place at the National Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with NUCA's annual Washington Summit, May 17-19 at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.



L to R: NUCA Chairman Dan East presents the National Community Service award to Ryan Schmitt, Petticoat-Schmitt.

The first award is NUCA's coveted National Community Service Award for its donation of equipment, materials, manpower and money in the service of a needed community project. Petticoat-Schmitt won the award for their work at the Seamark Ranch. Seamark Ranch is a Christian-based non-profit home for abused and neglected children in Clay County, Florida. The project was to provide access for the children to the top of a hill where they planned to have daily Devotions. Petticoat-Schmitt employees and family members graded the slope of the hill, excavated a trench, placed railroad timbers and then raked/graded around the timbers.



L to R: NUCA Chairman Dan East presents the William H. Feather Safety award to Jeff Blomgren, Petticoat-Schmitt.

Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. also won one of the William H. Feather Safety Awards in honor and recognition of their excellent safety record in 2009. Created in 1978 to honor the contributions of the founding chairman of NUCA's Safety

Committee, the William H. Feather Safety Awards recognize that same commitment to safety demonstrated by other NUCA members. The winners are chosen on the basis of injury frequency data, a safety statement and company program information in five categories established according to total man hours worked. Petticoat-Schmitt won the award in the 0 - 100,000 man-hours category.

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The winners will be announced and

awards presented at the UUCF 2010 Convention on Saturday evening, July 24 at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee, Florida.

UUCF would like to take this opportunity to thank each chapter for submitting one contractor and associate member for this award. Picking an individual from the list of contractors and associates is a very difficult task. The following is a list of nominees and the chapter they represent:

Contractors:


- Northwest Florida UCA: Joe Cook (Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc.)
- UCA of North Florida: Lauren

Atwell (Reynolds, Inc.)

Associates:

- Northwest Florida UCA: Donathan Johnson (Thompson Pump & Mfg. Co., Inc.)
- UCA of North Florida: Anthony "Tony" Zebouni (Regan, Zebouni & Walker, P.A.)

UUCF wishes each candidate the best of luck. We know that everyone cannot win; however, it is going to be a tough decision for the Awards Nomination Committee. The committee consists of UUCF President Bill Lee, UUCF President-Elect Bruce Wendorf and UUCF Executive Vice President Bruce Kershner.



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Amendment 4: What Every Floridian Needs To Know

By — Ryan Houck

What are the facts?

On November 2nd, you will be asked to vote yes or no on a plan to alter Florida's Constitution called Amendment 4. Special interest lawyers, adult entertainment interests and population control groups have designed, funded and proposed this amendment to our Constitution. Take a moment to learn more about who's backing Amendment 4 and why.

What is the issue?

Amendment 4 will prolong the recession and put recovery out of reach for thousands of working Floridians. As a result, leading

business, labor, and civic groups oppose Amendment 4.

What will the measure do?

This proposed change to Florida's Constitution would require a taxpayer-funded referendum for every single change to a local government comprehensive plan. Simply stated, Amendment 4 would force Floridians, not the representatives they elect, to decide hundreds of minor, technical comprehensive plan changes each year on issues like drainage, traffic circulation, and intergovernmental coordination.

What does that mean for you?

Here is what Amendment 4 means for you: (1) a Florida with drastically fewer jobs, (2) a significantly weaker economy, and (3) unbearably higher taxes to feed the Amendment 4 "litigation" bureaucracy.

The Florida Chamber of Commerce asked leading economists to study the impact of Amendment 4. The study indicates that Amendment 4 would likely put more than 267,000 Floridians out of work, shrink Florida's economic output by more

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Pensacola Concrete's early years were primarily devoted to miscellaneous concrete placement for the municipal and private sectors in and around Pensacola. Later, because of demands for good

contractors in utility construction, and Mr. Harris' knowledge of heavy construction methods and equipment, the company was led into concentrating on pipeline work and its related fields. In 2002, Pensacola Concrete ventured out into the Trenchless Technology field, participating in both Pipe Bursting and Cured-in-Place Pipe (CIPP). Today, more than 70% of the company's work is in trenchless construction.

In February 1996, the Board of Directors appointed Joe Cook, formally Executive Vice-President of the Company, as President. Mr. Cook has 35 plus years experience

in the construction field with 29 being with Pensacola Concrete. Joe has served on the Board and served as President for both the local and state associations.

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Certified Contractor License Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the Certified Contractor licenses from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) are up for renewal on August 31, 2010. Current law requires licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in workplace safety, one hour in workers' compensation, one hour in business practices, one hour in the advance building code module, one hour in laws and rules (Chapter 489) and one hour in wind mitigation (this requirement only affects general, residential, building, roofing and glass and glazing contractors).

Don't forget to notify the DBPR office of any address change. Section 489.124(2) gives sole responsibility to the licensee for notifying DBPR in writing of the licensee's current mailing address and phone number.

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President's Message



Greetings. I would like to invite everyone to our "Journey to the Future . . . 'Don't Stop Believin'"

UUCF Convention for 2010. This is our 30th Anniversary Convention being held at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee. Last month, Julie had a write up along with the registration forms in our *Ditchmen*. If you have registered great. If not, I hope you would consider attending. The Convention Committee has chosen what I think to be the most impressive resort to date. I would encourage you to check out their website. What makes the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center so impressive is



their four climate controlled atriums – the Clearwater Cove, Emerald Bay, along with my two favorites, the Everglades and Key West.

As I mentioned last month, I am looking forward to visiting with all the friends that I have made over the years at the conventions and catching up with the news made over the past year. Flo and her committee has planned a reception Friday and Saturday night and what will be a fun filled Saturday night dinner. We will have a Silent

Auction and a new Lucky 30 Raffle. On Saturday night, we will be awarding the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation scholarship to an accomplished applicant who is the son or daughter or a UUCF member or one of their employees.

In closing, we hope to see you July 23 at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, and please continue your business with a UUCF member company.

Sincerely,

Bill Lee
President



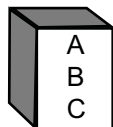
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than \$34 billion annually, and take nearly \$12 billion out of the pockets of working families.

With Florida's jobless rate reaching well into double digits, our state's top business and labor groups have put politics aside to oppose Amendment 4. Mark Wilson, president of the Florida Chamber of Commerce wrote: "If you like the recession, you'll love Amendment 4." Frank Ortis, executive board member with Florida's AFL-CIO noted that "Amendment 4 will devastate Florida's economy by costing hundreds of thousands of jobs and driving the unemployment rate even higher."

According to the Orlando Sentinel, "The cost to local governments of [Amendment 4] would soar into the

millions." Those costs would be shouldered by Florida's taxpayers who could expect to see not only more government waste, but also nonstop lawsuits as special interests wage war in court over the technical wording of endless ballot summaries. Referencing a failed experiment in Amendment 4-style rule in the small Florida town of St. Pete Beach, the St. Petersburg Times wrote that Amendment 4 leads to "short-term thinking" and "invites lawsuits..."

What is the conclusion?

Florida's jobless rate is high—but it could get much, much worse with the passage of Amendment 4. At a time when many families and small businesses are struggling to make ends meet, that's the last thing we need. Please take the time to learn more about Amendment 4 by visiting www.Florida2010.org.

Health Care Tax Credit Available

Small businesses that pay at least half the cost of health insurance for their employees in 2010 may be eligible for a new credit on their 2010 tax return. The credit is available for employers with 25 or fewer employees and less than \$50,000.00 in average wages. For tax years 2010 to 2013, the maximum credit is 35% of premiums paid by eligible small businesses. The maximum credit goes to smaller employers – those with 10 or fewer full-time equivalent employees and paying annual average wages of \$25,000 or less.

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Workers' compensation topics covered include:

- Review of Key Statutory Definitions
- Contractor Responsibilities
- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

Workplace safety topics presented by OSHA (U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) include:

- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class locations and dates. All seminar times are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon:

July 29, 2010

Tampa State Office Building
1313 North Tampa Street,
Suite 605
Tampa, FL 33603

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Pompano Beach
Workforce One
2301 West Sample Road, Building 4
Pompano Beach, FL 33073

August 6, 2010

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Lakeland Public
Library
100 Lake Morton
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Lakeland, FL
33801

August 10, 2010

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West Florida
Regional Library
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August 12, 2010

Orlando
State Office
Building, Hurston
Complex
400 West Robinson
Street, South
Tower, Conference
Room A & B
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August 13, 2010

West Palm Beach
Central Career Center
1951 North Military Trail, Suite D
West Palm Beach, FL 33409


August 18, 2010

Jacksonville
Florida Dept of Law Enforcement
921 North Davis Street, Building E
Jacksonville, FL 32209

August 20, 2010

Tallahassee
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Conference Center
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Calendar of Events

UUCF

Sept. (TBA) President's Cup Golf Tournament
Nov. 5 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

Northwest Florida UCA

Aug. 12 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Sept. 9 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Sept. 18 Fishing Tournament, Pensacola
Oct. 14 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Oct. 22 Clay Tournament, Pensacola
Nov. 2 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
Nov. 12 Annual Meeting, Pensacola

Southwest Florida UCA

Aug. 19 General Membership Meeting, Holiday Inn,
Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers
Sept. 17-19 Fishing Tournament,
Tween Waters Inn, Captiva Island
Oct. 21 General Membership Meeting, Holiday Inn,
Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers
Nov. 18 Board of Director's Meeting
Dec. 4 Christmas Party

SUCA

Aug. 5 Board of Director's/General Membership
Meetings
Sept. 9 Board of Director's/General Membership
Meeting
Sept. 16 Fish Fry, Largo Central Park
Oct. 7 ... Board of Director's Meeting/Hall of Fame Night
Nov. 4 Board of Director's/General Membership
Meetings/Installation of Officers & Directors,
Rusty Pelican
Nov. 5 Clay Shoot, TBA
Dec. 2 Board of Director's Meeting, Tampa Club
Dec. 4 December Banquet, Tampa Club

UCA of North Florida

Aug. 4 Safety Director's Forum
Aug. 10 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
Aug. 19 General Membership Meeting
Sept. 7 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
Sept. 16 Board of Director's Meeting
Oct. (TBA) Fishing Tournament,
Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville
Oct. 6 Bettering Your Business Luncheon Series
Oct. 12 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
Nov. 3 Safety Director's Forum

Nov. 9 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office
Nov. 18 Election of Officers Meeting
Dec. 14 Executive Committee Meeting,
Conference Room/UCA of North Florida Office

NUCA 2011

Jan. 18-21 Expo '11, The Executive Experience,
The El Conquistador Resort, Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. (SSOCOF) Meetings 2010

Aug. 19 Committee Meetings
Aug. 20 Board of Director's Meeting
Sept. 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
Nov. 18 Committee Meetings,
DeBary Call Center
Nov. 19 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
Dec. 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call

2011

Feb. 17 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Feb. 18 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
Mar. 18 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
May 19 Annual, Board of Director's and Committee
Meetings, DeBary Call Center
May 20 Golf Tournament, DeLand
June 17 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
Aug. 18 Committee Meetings
Aug. 19 Board of Director's Meeting
Sept. 16 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call
Nov. 17 Committee Meetings,
DeBary Call Center
Nov. 18 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
Dec. 16 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary Call Center/Conference Call

Construction Industry Licensing Board Meetings

August 11-13 Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention
Center, Kissimmee
Sept. 8-10 Grand Bohemian Hotel, Orlando
Oct. 13-15 Doubletree Hotel, Tampa Westshore
Airport, Tampa
Nov. 10-12 Embassy Suites Orlando-North,
Altamonte Springs





IRS Requests Public Input on Expanded Information Reporting Requirement

The Internal Revenue Service recently invited public comment on how to most effectively carry out a law change that, starting in 2012, will require businesses to report a wider range of payments to contractors, vendors and others, usually on Form 1099. These comments will help the IRS issue guidance that implements this provision in a manner that minimizes burden and avoids duplicate reporting.

Under a proposed regulation, many business purchases made with credit or debit cards would be exempt from the new reporting requirement because they are already reported by banks and other payment processors. The IRS seeks comments on additional circumstances in which duplicate reporting might otherwise occur and on rules that would prevent such duplicate reporting.

The change, enacted in March but not effective until 2012, expanded existing reporting requirements to include a business's payments related to goods and other property, and payments to most corporations. With some exceptions, payments to corporations are currently exempt from this requirement.

There are three ways to submit comments.

- E-mail to:
Notice.Comments@irscounsel.treas.gov.
Include **"Notice 2010-51"** in the subject line.
- Mail to: Internal Revenue Service, CC:PA:LPD:PR (**Notice 2010-51**), Room 5203, P.O. Box 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044.
- Hand deliver to: CC:PA:LPD:PR (**Notice 2010-51**), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline is September 29, 2010. Further details are in Notice 2010-51, posted on <http://www.irs.gov>.

Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. 2010 Holiday Calendar

Labor Day	09/06/10
Thanksgiving Day	11/25/10
Day after Thanksgiving Day	11/26/10
Christmas Eve	12/23/10
Christmas Day	12/24/10

SSOCOF's business hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Please keep the above dates in mind when calling for locates two business days prior. The law now requires two full business days prior to digging.**



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August 25
September 29
October 27
December 1

2011 FDOT Letting Date

January 26
February 23
March 30
April 27
May 25
June 22





Chapter News

Northwest Florida UCA

Northwest Florida UCA will hold an After Hours Event in mid August at the Fish House's Deck Bar from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. which includes heavy hors' devourers, beer and soft drinks. We need five sponsors at \$250.00 each per event in order to hold this event. If you are interested in being a sponsor of the After Hours Event, please contact the Northwest Florida UCA office as soon as possible. In addition to the members and usual guests, we will be extending invitations to the candidates for ECUA District 2 and 4 and County Commission District 2 and 4. We promise – no speeches – just an opportunity to meet and greet one on one. Be on the lookout for additional information. If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Northwest Florida UCA office at (850) 432-5373 or by e-mail at nwfluca@aol.com.

SUCA

SUCA's Scholarship Committee, chaired by Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co. and assisted by Jack Neu of Nielson, Wojtowicz, Neu & Associates and Ron Sherwood of Service Pump & Compressor, have made their selection from a field of impressive applicants for the 2010 Scholarship award. The recipient will be announced and awards presented at Scholarship Night on July 8 at the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City. The evening begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m. and the awards presentations follow dinner. SUCA's scholarship program has been in place since 1989 and has awarded over \$90,500.00 to the children of SUCA members. Please take part in this important association event. Make your reservations today by contacting the SUCA office by phone at (813) 355-4879 or by e-mail at mtjader@suca.org.

Mark your calendars for SUCA's Annual Fish Fry on Thursday, September 16, 2010. The fish fry will again be held at Largo Central

Park from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. This ever popular event draws over 300 people year after year for seafood cooked on site and a chance to make those important business contacts over lunch. Ten tickets will be mailed out to each member firm in late August. Please remember to return any unwanted tickets to the SUCA office by September 10.

The Awards Committee will soon be sending out nomination forms for SUCA's Hall of Fame inductees. Every four or five years, a few members extremely important to the association are inducted into the Hall of Fame. This year, Hall of Fame Night will be held October 7. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend this important association event.

SUCA's Nominating Committee is currently working on our leadership for 2011. If you are interested in serving on SUCA's Board of Directors or in serving on a committee, please e-mail the SUCA office of your interest at mtjader@suca.org.

SUCA's Membership Committee, chaired by Ken Wachman, is ready to start the half year dues promotion. This is a great time to have a prospective member who may not be sure about joining the association to try membership for six months at half price. Please contact the SUCA office for more information. Remember, you will receive \$50.00 for each new member you sponsor!

SUCA's Political Action Committee (SUCA PAC) is monitoring local races for the upcoming elections. SUCA PAC has already donated to the following campaigns: Will Weatherford, Florida State Representative, District 61; Calvin Harris, Pinellas Co. Commissioner, District 2; Susan Latvala, Pinellas Co. Commissioner, District 4; John Marroni, Pinellas Co. Commissioner, District 6. With SUCA working locally, UUCF at the state level and

NUCA's lobbying efforts nationally, the industry should be well informed about candidates and issues.

SUCA, in conjunction with CNA Insurance, will host an Excavation Safety (NUCA Certification) Seminar, free of charge to members, on Saturday, July 10, 2010. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the class will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Ring Power Corporation's training facility, 10421 Fern Hill Drive in Riverview. Breakfast will be provided by Ring Power Corporation and lunch is on your own from noon to 1:00 p.m. Space is limited to the first 40 attendees and reservations are taken on a first come, first serve basis. There are currently only six more seats available. If you are interested in attending, contact the SUCA office at (813) 355-4879.

Although it may sound like it's a long way off, SUCA's Annual Installation Banquet will be held Saturday, December 4, 2010 at the Tampa Club. Please be sure you have this on your calendar. Information on rooms will be out to the membership shortly.

SUCA members are looking forward to the UUCF 30th Anniversary Convention at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center in Kissimmee July 23-25. We look forward to seeing you all there!

If you are interested in SUCA's projects or events, please contact our office at (813) 355-4879 or visit our website at www.suca.org.

UCA of North Florida

Convention time . . . We hope to see everyone at the UUCF 30th Anniversary Convention at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center. It's a beautiful property, easy to get to and you don't need to leave the property for anything once you arrive. Can't make it to the convention, please consider donating an auction item or sponsoring one of the events.





Sunshine State One Call of Florida (SSOCOF) recently hosted an Excavation Safety Forum in our area. Attendees could earn CE credits for workplace safety of one hour for attending the Damage Prevention and Safety session. Host Brad Martin highlighted important excavation and damage prevention issues of local, state and national interest to all stakeholders. A roundtable and panel discussion were followed by lunch.

Last month, we hosted a free Occupational Injury Management meeting. Our guest speakers were Dr. Nathan P. Newman, MD, FAAFP, Chief Medical Officer of Solantic. He talked about the services Solantic offers. Our other speaker was Rufus White, President of Health Bridge, a telephonic nurse case management company. Mr. White spoke about early intervention, they get involved in workplace injuries at the time they occur, and make sure that the employee gets the right care, in the right place, at the right time, for the right reasons. The result of this is that employees are much less frustrated with the work compensation process, and employers see dramatic reductions in the cost of work comp claims, mod rates, and OSHA recordable and lost time frequency rates. We appreciate both Dr. Newman and Mr. White for sharing their expertise with us.

If you are planning to attend NUCA's EXPO '11, now is the best time to register. New this year, NUCA is offering a "Super Early Bird" discount if you register before July 30. Save up to \$200 on your registration fees by planning ahead. As always, we have a great program planned, including business management experts, Profit Pipeline Roundtables, table-top exhibits, unparalleled networking opportunities, a scholarship golf tournament and of course, the beauty of the island of Puerto Rico (no passport required) and the El Conquistador Resort. Visit the NUCA website at www.nuca.com for additional information.

Our annual Fishing Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 2 at Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville. Sponsors and Anglers are both needed. Sponsorships are available for \$125.00, \$300.00, \$600.00 and \$1000.00.

Congratulations to Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. on their two NUCA awards. At the Washington Summit, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. received the *National Community Service Award* for their work on a project at Seamark Ranch. Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. also won one of the *William H. Feather Safety Awards* in honor and recognition of their excellent safety record in 2009 in the 0 - 100,000 man-hours category.

We welcome the following new members who recently joined our association: IronPlanet, Clear View Equipment Co., Harbor Marine, R.J.'s Underground and Gate Fuel Services.

(2010 Ballot Amendments Continued from Page 6)

the Florida State Constitution. Revisions would amend class size requirements for public schools and provide an effective date. At least 60 percent of voters must approve the measure in order pass the measure.

However, if the measure is defeated, class caps will remain as previously scheduled and classes would be required to meet those caps: 18 students in kindergarten through third grade; 22 students in fourth through eighth; and 25 students in ninth through 12th.

According to the Florida Department of Elections the summary of the measure reads as follows:

The Florida Constitution currently limits the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms in the following grade groupings: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 18 students; for grades 4 through 8, 22 students; and for grades 9

through 12, 25 students. Under this amendment, the current limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in public school classrooms would become limits on the average number of students assigned per class to each teacher, by specified grade grouping, in each public school. This amendment also adopts new limits on the maximum number of students assigned to each teacher in an individual classroom as follows: for prekindergarten through grade 3, 21 students; for grades 4 through 8, 27 students; and for grades 9 through 12, 30 students. This amendment specifies that class size limits do not apply to virtual classes, requires the Legislature to provide sufficient funds to maintain the average number of students required by this amendment, and schedules these revisions to take effect upon approval by the electors of this state and to operate retroactively to the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

Amendment 9 - Health care Prohibit rules against participation in specific health care.

The measure, if approved by voters, would ban any laws that require people to participate in a health care system. A minimum of 60% of voters must approve the amendment in order for it to take effect.

Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to ensure access to health care services without waiting lists, protect the doctor-patient relationship, guard against mandates that don't work, prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person, employer, or health care provider to participate in any health care system; permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care

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Fewer Jobs. Higher Taxes. Weaker Economy.



FEWER JOBS

Passing Amendment 4 will cost Florida tens of thousands of jobs and hurt working families. We're in the deepest recession in our lifetime and it's no time to pass an amendment that leading business groups call a "jobs killer."

WEAKER ECONOMY

During these difficult economic times, the last thing we need to do is pass Amendment 4; experts say it will raise property taxes, hurt our sluggish economy, and make it more expensive to live in Florida.

HIGHER TAXES

Amendment 4 will mean higher taxes in order to pay for more elections, more litigation and more bureaucracy. Property taxes could hit record levels to cover the soaring costs of Amendment 4.

UNWORKABLE

Amendment 4 is so extreme and so poorly written that it doesn't provide exceptions for vital community needs such as hospitals, police stations, fire trucks and new schools.

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OSHA Review Project Eliminates Outdated Requirements, Brings Standards Up-To-Date

OSHA recently announced **Standards Improvement Project (SIP)–III**, a proposed rule to revise and remove requirements within several OSHA standards that are outdated, duplicative or inconsistent. This rulemaking will help keep OSHA standards up-to-date and will help employers better understand their regulatory obligations.

For example, OSHA is proposing in SIP–III to update the definition for "potable water" in the Sanitation standard (1910.141) with the current Environmental Protection Agency clean water standard. OSHA is also proposing to remove an outdated provision in the Bloodborne Pathogens standard (1910.1030) that requires employers to provide hand dryers that use warm air. This will allow use of newer technologies that use room temperature air.

These SIP–Phase III recommendations evolved through the agency's review of its standards, suggestions and comments from the public, and recommendations from the Office of Management and Budget. The proposal builds on the success of SIP–Phase I published June 18, 1998, and SIP–Phase II published January 5, 2005.

Those interested in submitting comments for this proposed rule can submit them through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Comments may also be submitted by mail to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2006–0049, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Submissions can also be faxed to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. OSHA will accept comments until September 30, 2010.

General information inquiries should be directed to Ryan Tremain, OSHA Directorate of Standards and Guidance, at (202) 693–1950.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

OSHA's Severe Violator Enforcement Directive Effective June 18

OSHA recently announced that the Severe Violators Enforcement Program directive is effective June 18th. The agency announced in April that it was implementing the program to focus on employers who continually disregard their legal obligations to protect their workers.

OSHA's SVEP focuses enforcement efforts on employers who willfully and repeatedly endanger workers by exposing them to serious hazards. The directive establishes procedures and enforcement actions for the severe violator program, including increased inspections, such as mandatory follow-up inspections of a workplace found in violation and inspections of other worksites of the same company where similar hazards or deficiencies may be present.

The directive explains that the SVEP is intended to focus enforcement efforts on employers who have demonstrated recalcitrance or indifference to their OSH Act obligations by committing willful, repeated or failure-to-abate violations in one or more of the following circumstances: a fatality or catastrophe situation; in industry operations or processes that expose workers to severe occupational hazards; exposing workers to hazards related to the potential releases of

highly hazardous chemicals; and all egregious enforcement actions.

Visit the **Severe Violator Enforcement Program directive** for more details.

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providers from penalties and fines for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and permit the purchase or sale of health insurance in private health care systems. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying directly for lawful health care services or a health care provider for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.





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