



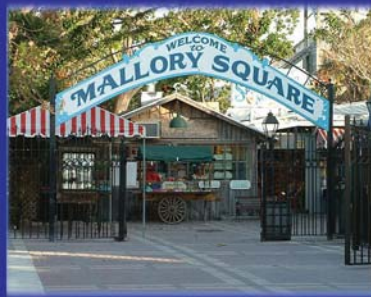
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UUCF 2011 Annual Convention July 21-24 (see page 4 for details)





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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

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COMPANY

ADDRESS

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E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CONFIRMATION

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Attention: Group Rooms Coordinator





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UUCF 2011 Annual Convention Sponsors Needed

At the June 3, 2011 UUCF Board of Director's Meeting, the Convention Committee recommended and the Board approved to create a new sponsorship benefit for companies who commit to any of the UUCF 2011 Convention Sponsorship Programs. This new sponsorship benefit applies to both new and current sponsors.

Any new or existing company that commits to being a sponsor for the UUCF 2011 Convention will get an additional benefit. The following is a list of the new sponsorship benefit listed under each sponsorship program:

Platinum Sponsors @ \$3,000

- Twelve months of full page advertisement.

Gold Sponsors @ \$1,500

Choice of:

- Six months of full page advertisement, or
- One year of half page advertisement.

Silver Sponsors @ \$500

Choice of:

- Two months of full page advertisement, or
- Four months of half page advertisement.

Bronze Sponsors \$150 or greater:

- One year reduced business card.

The advertisement will be placed in the next issue of the Ditchmen after the advertisement is submitted to the UUCF office. Advertisements will be printed in color or black and white and must be submitted as a .pdf document. All .pdf documents can be sent via e-mail to julie@uucf.com. When sending as a .pdf, the document, please save to at least a



300 dpi with imbedded fonts.

The advertisement sizes are as follows:

- Full page (7" w x 9 3/4" h)
- Half page (7" w x 4 3/4" h)
- Quarter page (3 3/8" w x 4 9/16" h)
- Business Card (reduced 75%) – 12 month


All advertisements must be submitted by the first day of the month in order to be placed in that month's issue. Don't delay. **The deadline to sign up for one of the convention sponsorship programs is Friday, July 8, 2011.**

The 2011 UUCF Convention will be held at the Casa Marina in Key West on July 21–24. Built in 1920, Casa Marina, is a flawless merging of old Key West ambiance and contemporary luxury. Immerse yourself in a restful haven where emerald lawns meet a blue Atlantic – welcoming stunning sunrises each day. Come to the "house by the sea" enveloped in breezy elegance and shaded by graceful palms. Enjoy a taste of tropical living at the most legendary choice of Key West hotels and resorts – Casa Marina. Nestled

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along the southern edge of the island – spanning more than 1,100 feet of private beach. The Casa Marina is a proud new member of the Hilton family, and their level of service remains unsurpassed.

This year's Convention Committee is being chaired by Flo Woodall of John Woody, Inc. in Jacksonville. The theme of this year's convention is "Only the Best Survive in Key West."

The UUCF office is currently accepting sponsors for the 2011 Platinum, Gold and Silver Sponsorship Programs.

UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a Platinum Sponsor for this year's convention: **CNA; Nortrax; and Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc.** UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a Gold Sponsor for this year's convention: **Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A.; Linder Industrial Machinery Co.; Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc.; and Utility Service Company, Inc.;**

To become a Platinum Sponsor, the cost is \$3,000.00. Platinum Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

- Platinum Sponsor company name will appear alphabetically on all flyers and registration forms regarding the convention.

- A handsome banner with your company's logo will be displayed at all major functions during the convention.
- Each Platinum Sponsor will have an exhibit board to display information pertaining to their company in the registration room during the convention.
- A profile of your company will be included in the convention program and printed in one month's issue of the *Ditchmen*.
- One reserved table at the Friday and Saturday night dinners.
- Special name tags displaying "Platinum Sponsor" to all employees of your company in attendance.
- First option on returning as a sponsor for the 2012 Annual convention.

If your company is interested in becoming a Platinum Sponsor, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

To become a Gold Sponsor, the cost is \$1,500.00. Gold Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

- Your company's name added to a handsomely printed sponsor sign which will be displayed at the Thursday, Friday and Saturday night events (i.e., UUCF 2011 Annual Convention Gold Sponsors: "Your Company Name". All companies will be listed in alphabetical order on the

signage).

- Your company name listed with other Gold Sponsors in our convention program which will be given to all attendees.
- First option on returning as a Gold Sponsor for the 2012 Convention.

If your company is interested in becoming a Gold Sponsor, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

To become a Silver Sponsor, each event is given a slot value of one (1) to seven (7) depending on the event, and the cost is \$500.00 per slot. Silver Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

- A handsome printed sponsor sign displayed at the event you choose (i.e., This Reception is Proudly Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by "Your Company Name").
- Company name listed with other Silver Sponsors in our convention brochure which will be given to all attendees.
- First option on returning as a Silver Sponsor for the 2012 Convention.

UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a Silver Sponsor for this year's convention: **Forsberg Construction, Inc.; Glenn Rasmussen Fogarty & Hooker, P.A.; HD Supply Waterworks;**

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Watch future issues of the *Ditchmen*
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- Listing in descriptive literature of
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- First option of returning as a
Bronze Sponsor for the 2012
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UUCF would like to thank the
following companies for committing
to be a Silver Sponsor for this year's
convention: **Florida Gas & Electric
Corp.; NUCA of Northwest
Florida;** and **NUCA of Southwest
Florida.**

The 2011 Convention Hotel
Reservation Form can be found on
page 2 in this issue of the
Ditchmen. Although the room block
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expired, the hotel has assured us
that they will provide the group rate
as long as sleeping rooms are
available. Individuals should make

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UUCF PAC Rebuild & Reload

That is music to my ears. The voters of Florida saw through this attempt to hijack our political process.

Amendment 4 (Hometown Democracy) has been on the UUCF radar since 2004 because it had the potential of having a devastating effect on Florida's economy if passed. In the years and days leading up to November 2, 2010, it became very apparent that, based on the facts, this amendment would have a negative effect on jobs, taxes, growth and our voting system.

The UUCF PAC stepped up to the plate with a \$5,000 donation to "Citizens for Lower Taxes & a Stronger Economy" which was to be used for a statewide campaign against Amendment 4. **IT WORKED!!**

We can all breathe a collective sigh



of relief . . . for now. But, we will face many new challenges in the future that will require an abundance of dedication and effort in order to protect the industry we love, an industry that provides for our families and an industry that we have poured our hearts and souls into.

The UUCF PAC will continue to work for its members, but now it's time for the members to give back to the UUCF PAC. UUCF PAC Chairman Bruce Wendorf is asking every single member to contribute \$40 to "Rebuild and Reload" the UUCF PAC and help replenish the \$5,000

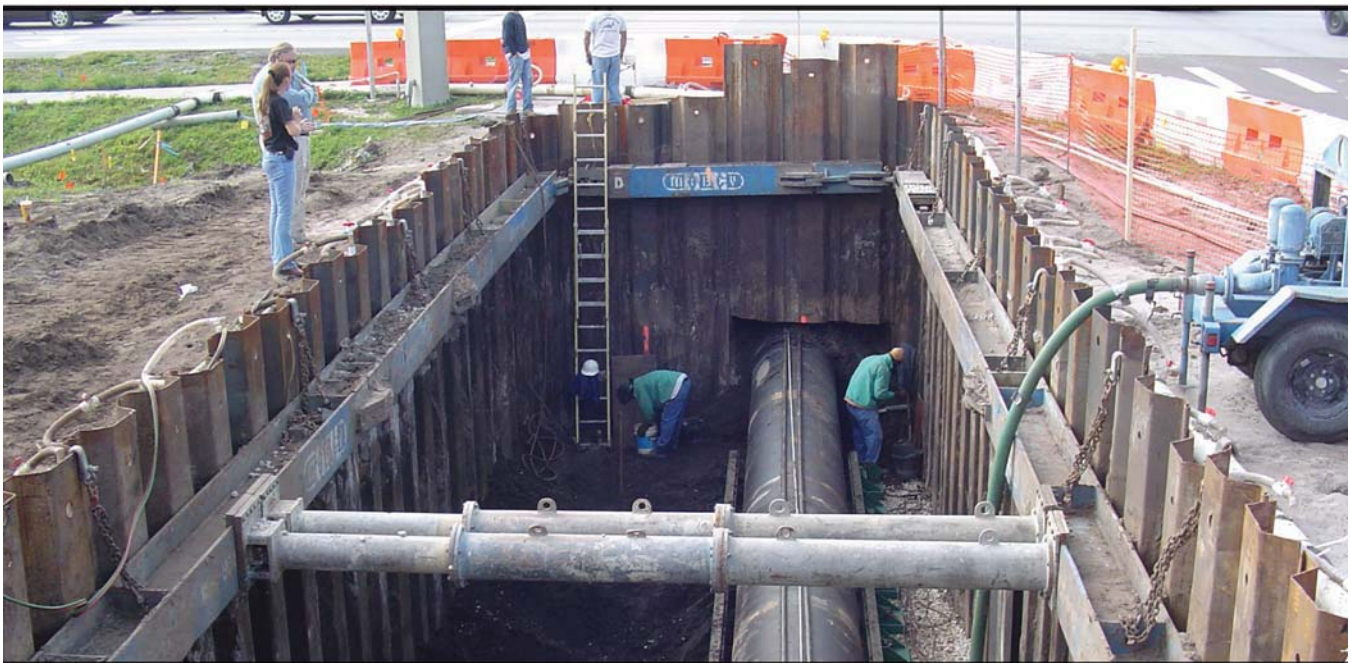
we committed to help save our industry and state.

The next threat to our industry is right around the corner. Let's be ready for the fight with a strong UUCF PAC.

UUCF has created a goal gauge on the UUCF website home page. We have been updating the goal gauge as donations are received into the UUCF office. To date, 52.6% of the \$5,000 has been contributed. To view the goal gauge, as well as a list of contributors, please visit the UUCF website at www.uucf.com.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the UUCF PAC office at (407) 830-1880. If you would like to contribute \$40 to the "Rebuild and Reload" campaign, please make check payable to UUCF PAC and mail to 231 West Bay Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750-4125.

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Casa Marina Activities

Website: [http://
www.casamarinaresort.com/
resort_activities/](http://www.casamarinaresort.com/resort_activities/)

Key West Chamber of Commerce

Website: [http://
www.keywestchamber.org/](http://www.keywestchamber.org/)

ATTRACTIONS/MUSEUMS/ TOURS

Conch Tour Train Key West 1.5 hours

Daily – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Conch Tour Train is one of Florida's most popular attractions, and for good reason. The expert engineers and friendly staff have delighted over 10 million guests with the legends and lore of this charming tropical paradise. Location: Conch Train Depot–Mallory Square – 303 Front Street. Truval Village at the Corner of Truman and Duval Street.

Old Town Trolley Tour of Key West – 1.5 hours

Daily – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sit back while the expert tour guides turn back the pages of history to the days of Indians, pirates, wreckers and the Civil War. Old Town Trolley Tours of Key West is the best way to explore the southernmost city. Tour has 12 stops: (1) Mallory Square, (2) Historic Key West Seaport, (3) Simonton Row – Simonton and Greene Street, (4) La Concha Crowne Plaza, (5) Bahama Village Market, (6) Fairfield Inn, (7) Key West Welcome Center, (8) Best Western Key Ambassador, (9) Casa

Marina Resort, (10) Southernmost Trolley Stop, (11) Truman Avenue & Duval Street and (12) Angela & Duval Streets. Location: Mallory Square, 303 Front Street.

Key West Shipwreck Treasures Museum

Daily – 9:40 a.m. to 4:40 p.m.

Step back to Key West of 1851 and discover the treacherous world of shipwrecking and how it made Key West the richest city in the United States. Live actors, artifacts, laser technology and a 60' lookout tower make the experience one of a kind. Location: 1 Whitehead Street, Mallory Square.

Harry S. Truman Little White House – 1 hour

Daily – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The house was built on the waterfront of the harbor of Key West. In the beginning of the 20th century, the home was converted into a single family dwelling to house the base commandant. Location: Truman Little White House located on Truman Annex, 111 Front Street.

Audubon House and Tropical Gardens of Key West

Daily – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Audubon House & Tropical Gardens offer a relaxing, educational environment for families and visitors of all ages. Location: 205 Whitehead Street.

Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum

Daily – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Throughout the years, Key West has been home to many writers and artists, but none of their presence and influence left its' mark like Ernest Hemingway's. Ernest Hemingway lived and wrote here for more than ten years. Tour his beautiful home and lush grounds

which have become one of Key West's key attractions. Location: 907 Whitehead Street.

Key West Butterfly Conservatory Daily – 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.;

Last tour at 4:30 p.m.

Take a stroll through a tropical paradise . . . walk through an exotic and inviting environment filled with hundreds of the most beautiful winged creatures in nature – butterflies. Location: 1316 Duval Street (one block north of the Southernmost Point).

Mel Fisher Maritime Museum

Daily – 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Experience the richest collection of 17th century shipwreck artifacts in the world! Operating Times – 365 days a year. Location: 200 Greene Street.

USCGC Ingham Memorial Museum

Daily – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

With over 50 years of service around the world, USCGC INGHAM is a quintessential portrait of Coast Guard history from 1936 to 1988. Her humanitarian missions were many and she contributed her services in support of scientific operations as well. Booth Location: CGC INGHAM is located on the Truman Waterfront on the western edge of Key West, alongside USS MOHAWK (CGC).

USS Mohawk–WWII Memorial Museum

Daily – 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It is most fitting that the community of Key West creates a venue in which to honor Key West's role in the defense of the United States. The USS Mohawk CGC Memorial Museum will be a reminder of those whose past efforts allow us to live in freedom today. Booth Location:





Exchange your eTicket on board the USS Mohawk CGC (78) docked on the East seawall of Truman Waterfront at the end of Southard Street.

Tropical Bike Tour of Key West **2 hours**

Operating Times: Times vary daily

Location: Moped Hospital – 601 Truman Avenue

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May–October: 9:30 a.m. ~

November–April: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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For reservations: (305) 293-1189.

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their hotel reservation(s), even if it is at a higher rate, and then contact the UUCF office so that we can get you the group rate. The group rate is \$219.00 per night, single/double occupancy for an Island Vista room and \$299.00 per night, single/double for an Ocean Vista room.

Not sure what to do while in Key West? Please see **pages 8 and 9** in this issue of the *Ditchmen* for a detailed list.

The UUCF Convention Registration Brochure and Forms have been e-mailed to the membership but can also be found on the UUCF website at www.uucf.com.

Don't forget . . . construction of the Florida Keys Overseas Highway (also known as the 18-mile "Stretch") was to wrapped up this past spring. This means that UUCF Convention attendees will be able to get to the Keys more easily and quickly. The 18-mile "Stretch" crosses the fringes of the Everglades and is one of two roadways that lead into and out of the Keys.

Can't wait to see you all in Key West on July 21-24.





Protecting Workers from Heat Stress

It is that time again when construction workers throughout the country start to work outside in the hot summer sun. Heat can be a serious hazard in construction if precautions are not taken. The body can build up heat when working in hot summer heat, but sometimes it cannot cool off fast enough. The combination of heat, humidity and physical labor during the summer months can cause heat-related injuries and even fatalities if the proper precautions are not taken.

Heat Illness

Exposure to heat can cause illness and death. The most serious heat illness is heat stroke. Other heat illnesses, such as heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat rash, should also be avoided. There are precautions your employer should take any time temperatures are high

and the job involves physical work.

Risk Factors for Heat Illness

- High temperature and humidity, direct sun exposure, no breeze or wind.
- Low liquid intake; previous heat illnesses.
- Heavy physical labor.
- Waterproof clothing.
- No recent exposure to hot workplaces.

Symptoms of Heat Exhaustion

- Headache, dizziness or fainting.
- Weakness and wet skin.
- Irritability or confusion.
- Thirst, nausea or vomiting.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke

- May be confused, unable to think clearly, pass out, collapse or have seizures (fits).
- May stop sweating

To Prevent Heat Illness, Your Employer Should

- Provide training about the hazards leading to heat stress and how to prevent them.
- Provide a lot of cool water to workers close to the work area. At least one pint of water per hour is needed.
- Schedule frequent rest periods with water breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas.
- Routinely check workers who are at risk of heat stress due to protective clothing and high temperature.
- Consider protective clothing that provides cooling.

How You Can Protect Yourself and Others

- Know signs/symptoms of heat illnesses; monitor yourself; use a

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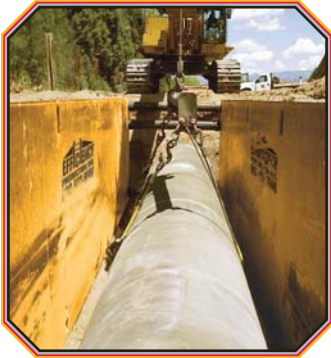
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UUCF Receives Nominations for 2011 Construction Performance Awards

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The winners will be announced and awards presented at the UUCF 2011 Convention on Saturday evening, July 23 at the Casa Marina in Key West.

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:

- NUCA of North Florida: Flo Woodall (John Woody, Inc.)
- NUCA of Northwest Florida UCA: Joe Cook (Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc.)
- NUCA of Southwest Florida: Frank Gibson (Denco Construction, Inc.)
- SUCA: Linda Shutt (David Nelson Construction Co.)

Associates:

- NUCA of North Florida: Steve Dempsey (Ring Power Corp.)
- NUCA of Northwest Florida: Matthew Hall (Holland Pump Co.)
- NUCA of Southwest Florida: Jerry Haas (Coastal Precast of Florida, Inc.)
- SUCA: Kenneth Wachman (MWI-Moving Water Industries Pump Rental Division)

UUCF wishes each candidate the best of luck. We know that everyone can not 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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Florida Redistricting Public Hearings

Reapportionment happens every ten years after the decennial census. Based on new population figures, 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives are redistributed among the 50 states. Each state is guaranteed at least one seat by the U.S. Constitution. On December 21, 2010, the Director of Census announced that Florida is entitled to 27 representatives in the U.S. House, an increase of two, effective with the general election in 2012.

Redistricting is the redrawing of district boundaries of congressional and state legislative electoral districts to adjust for various growth rates in different parts of the state. Districts determine which voters participate in which elections for choosing representatives in the U.S. House, State Senate, and State House.

This summer, the Senate and House will host more than two dozen joint public hearings around the state. Senators and Representatives want to hear from you before redrawing your districts to comply with federal and state law. If an accommodation is needed for disability, please notify the Senate Committee on Reapportionment at (850) 487-5855.

The following are dates of times of all future public hearings:

Monday, July 11, 2011

Jacksonville
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.*
and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.*
Florida State College at
Jacksonville Downtown Campus
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Tuesday, July 12, 2011

St. Augustine
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.*
Flagler College
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(Optional)**

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Daytona Beach
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.*
News Journal Center at
Daytona State College
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Wednesday, July 13, 2011

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8:00 a.m. – Noon*
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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



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happening in July at the UUCF Annual Convention "Only the Best Survive in Key West." The Conch Republic, as it is known by locals and visitors alike, is the home of many fun attractions.

The following are some of the favorites that I have enjoyed over the past few years while visiting on Key West time. It's always interesting walking the board walk from the Ferry Terminal and the Key West Bight area to Mallory Square. Here you have the Turtle Kraal and Schooner Warf restaurant which are good places to get a beverage and watch the boats going and coming



into the harbor. A little further west are three upscale resorts, the Galleon, the Hyatt and the Ocean Key Resort, all of these have great views of the water front. As a note, if you want to get away from people for a while and have the best view on the west side of Key West, go up the elevator to the roof of the Galleon. It has a beautiful view and few people know about this location.

Other favorites which are family oriented are the Mel Fisher Museum, Light House, Hemmingway House, Fort Zachary Taylor and shops and businesses near the Old Customs House which

is on Front Street. In the evenings, Mallory Square is an interesting area. If you have not experienced Mallory Square, it's a street show with magicians, the "Cat Man" who's cats do tricks, the juggler and many more interesting shows. As for restaurants, there is the Blue Heaven where the band plays and the chickens roam the court yard. On Duval, there's a sports bar named Jack Flats which has good food, and the famous Margaritaville located on Duval and Fleming. While you are on Duval, check out Fast Buck Freddie's. It's a neat department like store. For the ladies, check out the Key West Emeralds. They have a good display of Conch Pearls or Pink Pearls as some call them. Other fun places are the Southern Most Point, Sloppy

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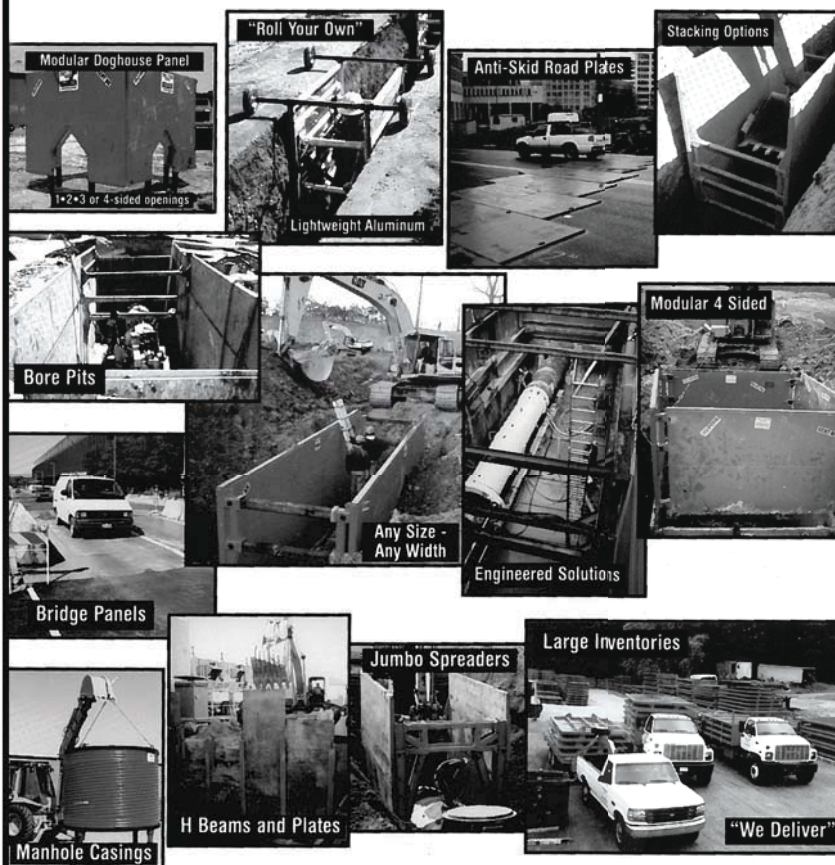
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Santa Fe College
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Monday, July 25, 2011

Lakeland
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.*
Polk State College
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Wauchula
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.*
Hardee County Civic Center
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

Wesley Chapel
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.*
Wiregrass Ranch High School Gym
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Orlando
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.*
and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.*
Bob Carr Performing Arts Center
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

Thursday, July 28, 2011

Melbourne
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
Brevard County Government Center at Viera
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

Monday, August 15, 2011

Stuart
6:00 – 9:00 PM*
Blake Library
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Boca Raton
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*
Florida Atlantic University
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Tuesday, August 16, 2011

Davie
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.*
Broward College
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

Miami
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*
Miami Dade College
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Wednesday, August 17, 2011

South Miami
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.*
Florida International University College of Law
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Thursday, August 18, 2011


Key West
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.*
Florida Keys Community College
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Monday, August 29, 2011

Tampa
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.*
Hillsborough County Commission
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Tuesday, August 30, 2011

Largo
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.*
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Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Naples
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.*
Naples Daily News Community Room
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Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Lehigh Acres
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.*
Veteran's Park Gymnasium
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

Thursday, September 1, 2011

Clewiston
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.*
Hendry County Health Department
RSVP for this Meeting (Optional)

* means or until completion of meeting, whichever is first.





Calendar of Events

UUCF

- July 21 Board of Director's Meeting,
Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club, Key West
July 21-24 Annual Convention,
Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club, Key West
Sept. (TBA) President's Cup Golf Tournament
Nov. 4 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

NUCA of North Florida

- July 12 Executive Committee Meeting
July 28 Board of Director's & General
Membership Meeting Meetings
Aug. 9 Executive Committee Meeting
Sept. 13 Executive Committee Meeting
Sept. 22 Board of Director's & General
Membership Meeting Meetings
Oct. (TBA) Fishing Tournament,
Sister's Creek Marina/City of Jacksonville
Oct. 11 Executive Committee Meeting
Nov. 8 Executive Committee Meeting
Nov. 17 Board of Director's & Election of
Officers Meetings
Dec. 13 Executive Committee Meeting

NUCA of Northwest Florida

- July 14 Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
July 30 Equipment Rodeo, Pensacola
Aug. 11 Board of Director's Meeting

NUCA of Southwest Florida

- July 21 General Membership Meeting,
Holiday Inn, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers
Aug. 18 General Membership Meeting,
Holiday Inn, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers
Sept. (TBA) Fishing Tournament
Oct. 20 General Membership Meeting,
Holiday Inn, Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers
Nov. (TBA) Board of Director's Meeting
Dec. (TBA) Christmas Party

SUCA

- July 14 Scholarship Night,
Columbia Restaurant, Ybor City
Aug. 4 Membership Meeting
Aug. 25 Trade Show,
DoubleTree Westshore, Tampa
Sept. 8 Membership Mixer,
Howl at the Moon, Channelside
Sept. 15 Fish Fry, Largo Central Park, Largo
Oct. 6 Annual Meeting & Elections,
Rusty Pelican, Tampa
Oct. 21 Clay Shoot,

- Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, Land O'Lakes
Nov. 3 Membership Meeting & Installation of
2012 Officers & Directors
Dec. 3 Year End Banquet,
Tampa Club, Tampa

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

- Aug. 10-11 Strategic Planning Meeting,
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf
Resort & Spa, Destin, Florida
Aug. 12 Board of Director's Meeting,
Hilton Sandestin Beach Golf
Resort & Spa, Destin, Florida
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

- July 13-15 Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention
Center, Kissimmee, FL
Aug. 10-12 Embassy Suites Tampa/USF,
Tampa, FL
Sept. 14-16 TBA
Oct. 12-14 Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention
Center, Kissimmee, FL
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- Block out direct sun and other heat sources.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Drink often and BEFORE you are thirsty.
- Avoid beverages containing alcohol or caffeine.
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Be aware that poor physical condition, some health problems (such as high blood pressure or diabetes), pregnancy, colds and flu, and some medications can increase your personal risk. If you are under treatment, ask your health care provider.

What to Do When a Worker is Ill from the Heat

- Call a supervisor for help. If the supervisor is not available, call 911.
- Have someone stay with the worker until help arrives.
- Move the worker to a cooler/shaded area.
- Remove outer clothing.
- Fan and mist the worker with water; apply ice (ice bags or ice towels).





- Provide cool drinking water, if able to drink.

IF THE WORKER IS NOT ALERT or seems confused, this may be a heat stroke. CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY and apply ice as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, call OSHA at (800) 321-OSHA.

Other Health Problems Caused by Hot Work Environments

Heat Cramps are muscle pains usually caused by physical labor in a hot work environment. Heat cramps are caused by the loss of body salts and fluid during sweating. Workers with heat cramps should replace fluid loss by drinking water and/or carbohydrate-electrolyte replacement liquids (e.g., sports drinks) every 15 to 20 minutes.

Heat Rash is the most common problem in hot work environments. Heat rash is caused by sweating and looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters. Heat rash usually appears on the neck, upper chest, in the groin, under the breasts and in elbow creases. The best treatment for heat rash is to provide a cooler, less humid work environment. The rash area should be kept dry. Powder may be applied to increase comfort. Ointments and creams should not be used on a heat rash. Anything that makes the skin warm or moist may make the rash worse.

For more information here are a few of many resources online that employers and workers can access to obtain free information about how to prevent heat stress:

OSHA Fact Sheet: Protecting Workers from the Effects of Heat

http://osha.gov/OshDoc/data_Hurricane_Facts/heat_stress.pdf

OSHA Quick Card: Protecting Workers from Heat Stress

<http://osha.gov/Publications/osha3154.pdf>

The Center to Protect Workers Rights: Heat Stress in Construction

<http://www.cpwrr.com/hazpdfs/hazheat.pdf>

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Joe's, Capt. Tony's, The Angling Company, Key West Angler and the Ice Cream Shop which is next door. For your convenience, Additional Area Activities in Key West are printed on page 8 in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

Reservations and registrations are open if you have not signed up. This is going to be a great convention, and

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Independence Day	07/04/11
Labor Day	09/05/11
Thanksgiving Day	11/24/11
Day after Thanksgiving Day	11/25/11
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Christmas Day	12/26/11

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2011 FDOT Letting Date

July 27	August 31
September 28	October 26
December 7	

2012 FDOT Letting Date

January 25	February 29
March 28	April 25
May 23	June 20

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Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

On May 10–12, a group from our chapter and chapters across the country attended the Annual NUCA Washington Summit. The first day was the second annual federal issues conference with some wonderful speakers followed by the awards luncheon and legislative briefing. The second day we walked the halls of Capitol Hill and meet with Senators and Congress to discuss our key issues: Exempt Facility Bonds, A multi-year reauthorization of the federal highway and public transportation programs, and full repeal of the government 3% withholding tax. The final day involved committee meetings as well as the board of directors meeting. It was great to see members from the other Florida chapters in attendance as well.

We had perfect weather for baseball as we watched the Jacksonville Suns take on the Birmingham Barons. Prior to the game, we enjoyed an all you can eat buffet of hot dogs, hamburgers, soda and popcorn. The Jacksonville Suns battled throughout the night in the opening game of the series against the Birmingham Barons but it was Birmingham taking the victory 10–9 in 11 innings in front of 6,788 fans at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville on Thursday night.

Have you made your plans yet to attend the UUCF Convention in Key West? A group from our chapter is attending, and we can't wait! When asked why he is attending the convention, NUCA of North Florida President Lauren Atwell said, "I am going to the convention with my family to build relationships with industry colleagues from throughout the state, besides Key West is wonderful, and the Casa Marina Resort is unlike anywhere you have had the privilege of staying at before." Hope to see everyone there!

Be one of the first to buy a ticket for the NUCA of North Florida Reload Raffle. Tickets are \$50 each and only 100 tickets will be sold! Winner will have choice of: Ruger Red Label 12 Gauge Shotgun or Browning A–Bolt Hunter or LG 42 inch commercial Widescreen HDTV or \$1,000 Cash. Call the NUCA of North Florida office at (904) 296–1230 if you would like to purchase a ticket. Members and Non-members are eligible to participate. Drawing will be held on July 28, 2011 at Reynolds, Inc. Proceeds to benefit the NUCA of North Florida general fund.

We are pleased to welcome the following members who recently joined our association: DNS Contracting, LLC (Contractor Member) and Diamond B Commercial Tire LLC (Associate Member).

Our next event will be a Barbecue and Drawing for the Reload Raffle at Reynolds, Inc. on July 28.

NUCA of Northwest Florida

NUCA of Northwest Florida is pleased to announce its first Annual Equipment Rodeo on Saturday, July 30, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Equestrian Center in Pensacola, Florida. There will be team, individual and ladies competitions with cash prizes as well as events for kids.

The following level of sponsorships are available: **"Fleet" Sponsor** – \$1,000 (includes four free admissions into the event, four free lunches, two free single competition entries, one free vendor/sponsor display table and a listing in all advertisements). **"Excavator" Sponsor** – \$500 (includes two free admissions into the event, two free lunches, one free single competition entry, one free vendor/sponsor display table and a listing in all advertisements). **"Backhoe"**

Sponsor – \$250 (includes two free admissions into the event, one free vendor/sponsor display table and a listing in all advertisements). **"Small Equipment"** Sponsor – \$100 (includes a listing in all advertisements).

Registration fees prior to July 1 for the competitions are: Individual – \$15, Ladies – \$10 and Team (three members) – \$45. After July 1, the above registration fees are increased by \$5.00 for each category.

For additional information or sponsor and/or registration forms please contact the chapter office at (850) 434–8328.

NUCA of Northwest Florida held a special election in May for the offices of President and President–Elect. Elected as President was Crayton Brogdon (Consolidated Pipe Co.) and President–Elect was Gabe Jackson (Brown Construction of N.W. Florida). They will take office in June. Congratulations and we look forward to their service to the Association.

SUCA

SUCA's Community Affairs Committee made a \$450 contribution to 'Creative Clay' with proceeds from the May and June 50/50 raffles. Creative Clay is a cultural arts center in St. Petersburg that caters to individuals having developmental and/or emotional disabilities. Thanks again to all of our generous members who participated!

SUCA's Sawyer Memorial Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Friday, June 17 at The Eagles Golf Club in Odessa. SUCA members enjoyed a great round of golf in the beautiful Florida sunshine. Tournament Chairman James Adams of Ferguson Waterworks would like to thank everyone who participated for their support of our scholarship





program. The tournament is the only funding source for our scholarship program. We sincerely thank our tournament sponsors for their extreme generosity:

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Congratulations to the following Spring Golf Tournament winners:

First Place Team – Nortrax Equipment (Bob Porter, Mike Festing-Smith, Mark Miller, Jack Condrey). **Second Place Team** – Cat Financial Capital Solutions (Bill Taylor) & Ring Power Corp. (Toby Crews). **Third Place Team** – Florida Gas & Electric Corp. (David Runyan, Steve Furry, Glen Myers, Kenny Matthews). **Longest Drive** – Toby Crews of Ring Power Corp. **Closest to the Pin** – Chris Wilhelm of MWI Pump & Mark Miller of Nortrax Equipment. **Survival Pack Winner** of an iPod Touch – Ben Larsen of Larsen Civil Construction.

Special thanks to Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co. for again assisting with this years' event.

SUCA's Scholarship Committee, chaired by Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co., and assisted by Jack Neu of Nielson, Wojtowicz, Neu & Associates; Tom Butler of RIPA & Associates; Bill Cammann of Lanier Upshaw; and Tom Woodward of David Nelson Construction Co. have made their

selection from a field of impressive applicants for the 2011 Scholarship award. The recipient will be announced and awards presented at Scholarship Night on July 14 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 \$95,000.00 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.

After a six year hiatus, the SUCA Trade Show Committee is proud to announce we will be holding the 2011 SUCA Showcase on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tampa. This will be a table top show which is sure to sell out. Invited guests will include contractors, engineers and representatives of cities and counties throughout SUCA's membership area. Members will have a chance to showcase their products and services to their target audience at this spectacular event. Food, drinks and door prizes are incentive to fill the house and keep attendees there until the last ticket is drawn. Showcase Chairman James Adams of Ferguson Waterworks is expecting a great turnout with great results. Please contact the SUCA office for additional information and to register for a booth. There are only 35 spaces available and booths will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. We look forward to your participation in making the show in 2011 a success!

Mark your calendars for SUCA's Annual Fish Fry on Thursday, September 15, 2011. 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 12.

SUCA's Membership Committee, chaired by Wayne Jensen of Stahl & Associates Insurance, will be starting the half year dues promotion in July. 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 members are excited to attend the 2011 UUCF Convention at Casa Marina Resort & Beach Club in Key West July 21-24. 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.

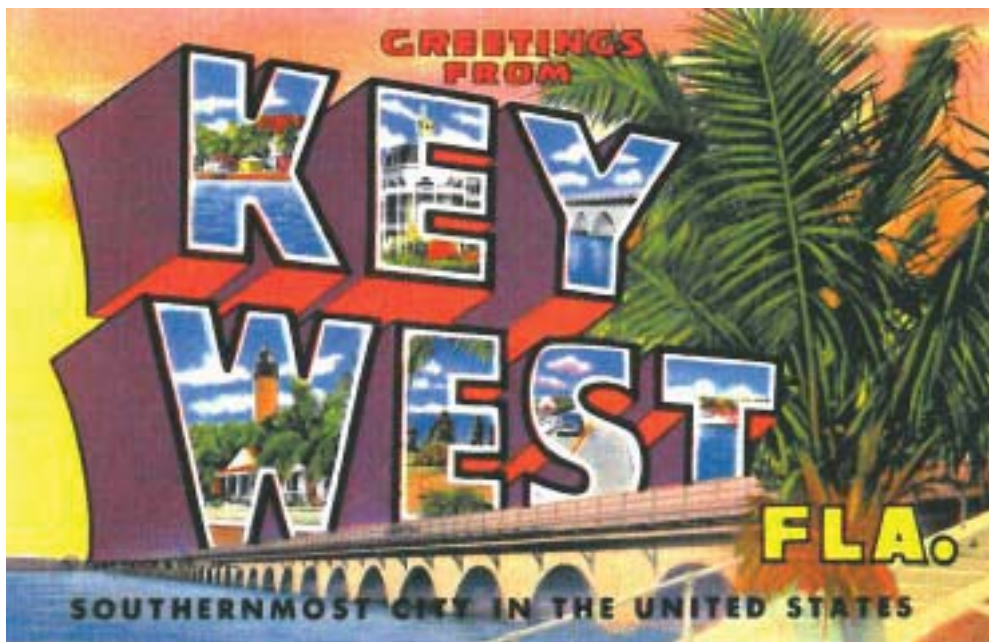
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we want everyone to come and participate. I can't say enough good things about the Casa Marina, its location and the accommodations are second to none. The schedule, along with reservations and registration, is on our website at www.uucf.com. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Casa Marina in July. Remember your sunscreen, flip flops, sunglasses and ball caps. This is the weekend that you can unwind and have a good time with the people that make up our industry. See you at the Casa Marina!

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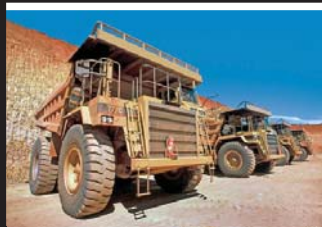
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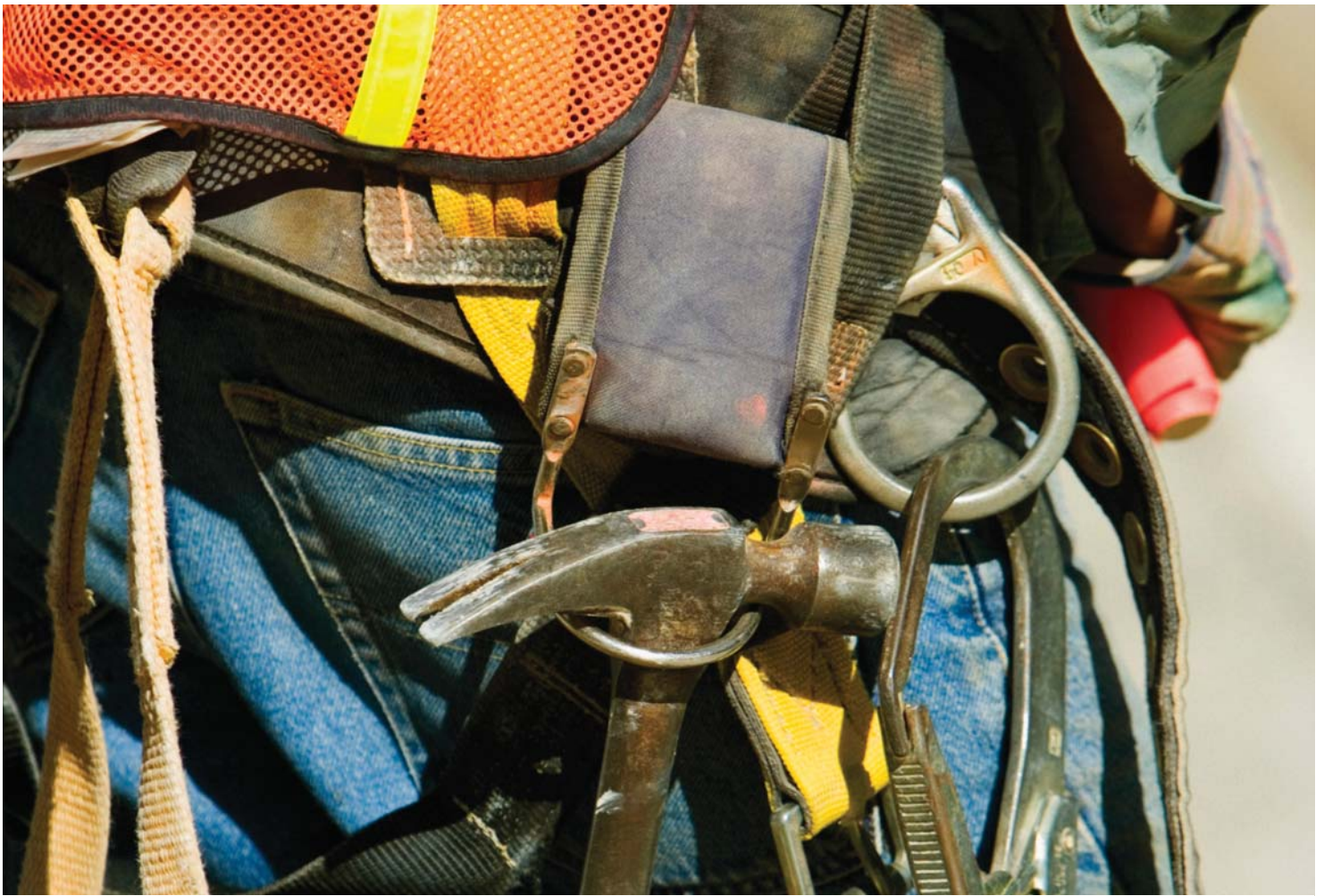
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