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UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament Scheduled

Come and enjoy three wonderful days and two nights at the Orange County National Golf Center and Lodge in Winter Garden, Florida on October 21–23. You will enjoy three fun-filled days of golfing on three different 18 hole courses. Participants will have the opportunity to play on the Panther Lake Golf Course on Friday and Saturday and Crooked Cat Golf Course on Sunday. A different tournament will be held on each course. The format will be a two-man scramble, two-man best ball and two-man alternate shot. All tournaments will be handicapped so everyone will have an equal opportunity to win.

Mike Woodall with John Woody, Inc. is chairing this year's tournament. A portion of the proceeds from this year's tournament will benefit the UUCF Legal Defense Fund.

Panther Lake Golf Course – Panther Lake is everything you could want in a golf course. Playing over rolling meadows, through native pines, around and over wetlands, lakes, and up and down elevation changes of up to 60 feet, it is first and foremost a visual delight, reminding you that natural beauty is one of the main reasons you play golf and a major factor in deciding which course to play.

Panther Lake offers some of the best examples of natural beauty that Orlando area golf courses have to offer. One of the highlights is that there is no development on or around the course – a Florida golf course with no homes! You will likely encounter many native species of birds and wildlife during your round, which will be enjoyed in the most tranquil of settings.

Every hole on Panther Lake is unique and requires something different from your shot making repertoire. This is another feature that makes this Central Florida golf course so special; when you finish your round you will likely be able to recall each hole very vividly as they are all very different in

appearance as well as appealing in design to the eye.

The variety in design is evident in the way no two holes play alike. There are no boring holes at Panther Lake, and each is as distinct and memorable as the last. The only characteristic the holes share is that each shot demands good thinking and precise execution.

Off the tee, you will face gently sloping fairways guarded by strategically placed fairway bunkers, trees and water hazards that frame the holes and provide a clear line of play. From the fairway, you will hit many approaches into well-guarded elevated greens, which are large and have plenty of contours, so two-putting isn't automatic.

Simply put, good shots will be rewarded and bad shots penalized, the hallmark of great courses

everywhere. If you're looking for a bit more golf course, the tour tees provide as stern a test as you'll find anywhere, with intimidating carries and risk-reward approaches that can lead to birdies or bogeys. From the three forward tees, you'll face shorter carries, softer angles and wider landing areas, making Panther Lake more friendly but no less memorable.



When you play #10, look at the shot from 150 yards to the green. That is the spot where Tiger Woods was told to "Get more forgiving irons, the Nike Pro-Combos" by his talking headcover, Frank, during the very popular commercial. Will you be able to hit the elevated green from there with your irons?

Crooked Cat Golf Course – Like Panther Lake, Crooked Cat features significant elevation changes, rolling fairways and large, contoured greens. But with fewer trees, wider

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landing areas, native heather and mounding framing the fairways, Crooked Cat presents golfers more of a links-style look. It may well be the most naturally beautiful Orlando Florida golf course.

The course's open feel encourages golfers to grip it and rip it off the tee, and there is certainly more room for error and multiple options for playing a hole—both off the tee and into the greens. Crooked Cat is not a connect-the-dots course; feel free to go outside the lines like a kindergartener's finger painting. But beware: As with links-style courses, there is an element of chance, and a wayward shot can end up in one of many seemingly randomly placed grass bunkers. Gamblers and scramblers will do well.

So will shot makers. Crooked Cat is more exposed and the routing twists and turns, so the wind comes at you from ever-changing directions and is a real factor. Players who appreciate the challenge of working the ball—up, down, left, right—to counteract or ride the wind will get a chance to showcase their mastery and get the most out of the course.

The back nine of Crooked Cat may be the best nine on the property and is the favorite of many low handicap golfers due to its length and challenge. Even if you don't have ball shaping down to an art or the deft touch to escape like Houdini from any peril in your way, Crooked Cat is incredibly fun to play. And because of the unique design you'll never get tired of challenging this course because you

will never play any hole the same way twice. No other Orlando Florida golf course offers this much versatility, challenge, and fun.

The entry fee for the three-day tournament is only \$485.00 per player. The entry fee includes three rounds of golf for the tournament, two nights' accommodation, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday, barbecue cook out dinner on Saturday, one free mulligan for each day (option to purchase additional mulligans will be available), skins game on Friday and Saturday and beverages on the course during tournament play. A Hospitality Suite will be available for your enjoyment.

UUCF is also selling the Survival Kit. Included in the package are: **Friday:** three mulligans, putting contest and ball in the circle contest; **Saturday:** three mulligans, two throws, putting contest, ball in the circle contest and Hole in One Contest; and **Sunday:** three mulligans, two throws, putting contest and ball in the circle contest. If the above items were purchased separately, it would cost \$185.00. However, for golfers who purchase the Survival Kit prior to the first day of the tournament, the cost is only \$175.00. Golfers may also participate in the optional skins game on Sunday at a cost of \$50.00 per team.

There will be great prizes (first and second place each day), optional purchase of the skins game on Sunday and a lot of fun. There will also be prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. We will also be

holding a putting contest each day.

The tournament is open to the first 60 teams. Hurry and mail your entry fee along with the registration form as soon as possible. Sleeping accommodations consist of two people per one bedroom (two double beds).

UUCF is now accepting sponsorships for the President's Cup Golf Tournament. The following is a list of the various sponsorship programs:

- **Hospitality Suite Exclusive Sponsor** at \$1,000.00 (one slot only available). Sponsor will be recognized on signage located in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament. Hospitality Suite sponsor will also be permitted to display their company's promotional items in the Hospitality Suite throughout the tournament.
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- **Mulligan Sponsor** at \$100.00 each (unlimited slots available). All sponsors will be recognized on signage located at registration each day throughout the tournament.
- **Putting Contest Sponsor** at \$100.00 each (unlimited slots available). (All sponsors will be recognized on signage located at the Putting Contest each day throughout the tournament.)

For the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament Registration or Sponsorship forms, please see pages 9 and 10 in this issue of the *Ditchmen* or visit the UUCF website at www.uucf.com. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.

Hope to see you all at the UUCF President's Cup Golf Tournament on October 21–23 at Orange County National Golf Center in Winter Garden.



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OSHA Update

U.S. Department of Labor Improves Enforcement Database

Updated site includes Increased Search Capabilities and Visual Enhancements

The U.S. Department of Labor announced enhancements to its online enforcement database designed to improve public access to and understanding of the department's enforcement actions. The updated website includes a number of new features, including map displays of inspection and violation data from the department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and its Mine Safety and Health Administration, as well as the ability to view individual inspection records and the enforcement history of a particular company or mine.

"These improvements to our online

enforcement database are part of our commitment to open, transparent enforcement," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "By making this information available and easy to use, we're helping to ensure a level playing field for employers who follow the law."

In addition to mapping capabilities, the updated site allows users to easily view important agency metrics; perform keyword searches; filter data by year, violations or penalties; and export search results or an entire data set into downloadable formats. A new "labs" feature allows users to create data visualizations and animations using several decades of MSHA data.

The Labor Department created the enforcement database, available at <http://ogesdw.dol.gov>, to increase transparency, participation and collaboration as part of the

administration's Open Government Initiative.

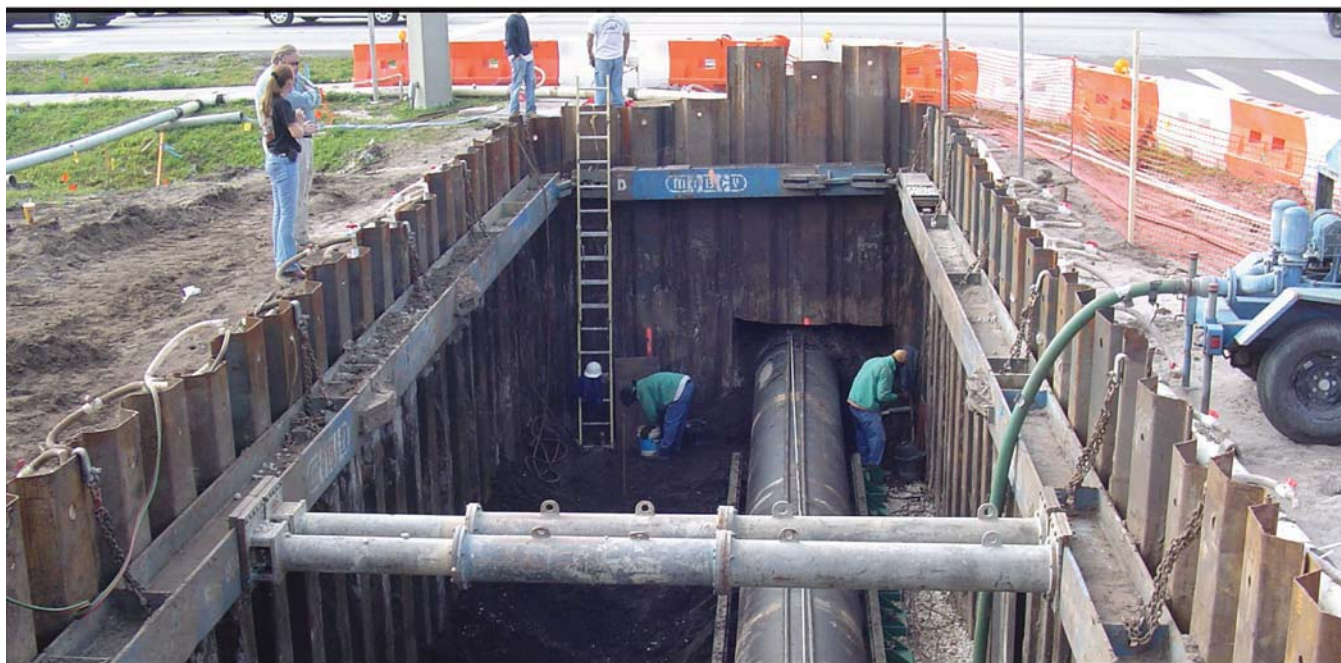
U.S. Department of Labor's OSHA Releases Mobile App to Help Protect Workers From Heat-Related Illnesses

As part of continuing educational efforts by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) about the dangers of extreme heat, Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis announced a free application for mobile devices that will enable workers and supervisors to monitor the heat index at their work sites in order to prevent heat-related illnesses.

"Summer heat presents a serious issue that affects some of the most vulnerable workers in our country,

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Summary of FDOT Pipe Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting and Specification Topics Part II of II

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On August 10, 2011, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Pipe Advisory Group (PAG) met to discuss storm pipe issues. Below is part two of a two-part list of topics discussed at the PAG meeting. In the August 2011 edition of *Ditchmen*, part one summarized joint performance and pipe structural design table issues. Part two summarizes FDOT's discussion of concrete pipe durability, crack acceptance, storm pipe inspection, and defect measurement accuracy.

Although not discussed at the PAG meeting, two additional topics are worth mentioning. First, FDOT is developing changes to the Section 430-4.8 Final Inspection process, which would improve the efficiency of resolving concerns discovered during the inspection process. Second, numerous contractors have expressed concerns with the Section 125-8.3.4 Backfill Under Wet Conditions specification.

Concrete Pipe Durability and Crack Acceptance

The Director of the State Construction Office, David Sadler, stated that the FDOT is using the 0.01-inch wide crack in installed pipe as a "trigger" for an evaluation. Based on the contractor's engineering evaluation that takes into consideration

structural and environmental (i.e., corrosive) conditions, a decision is then made to accept without repair, to repair, or to reject. It seems that this message may not be understood at the District level because there are cases in which cracks are rejected regardless of the crack width or the results of the engineering analysis. This message from the Central Office (Tallahassee) is somehow not getting communicated at the District level.

The University of South Florida (USF) conducted a study to evaluate autogenous healing and acceptable crack widths. This study suggests that 0.02-inch wide cracks may be acceptable in corrosive environments and that cracks of up to 0.1 inch in width could be acceptable in non-corrosive environments. At this time, the FDOT is not planning to make any policy changes based on this study. The concrete pipe industry looks forward to continuing to support the Department in crack width and durability issues.

The FDOT has initiated another study with Florida Atlantic University (FAU) on concrete pipe durability. The goal is to consider a theory on why there are not structural collapses and failures of concrete pipe given the concerns about corrosion/durability. In other words, if there is so much concern about

cracks and corrosion, then why don't we see structural problems with older installations of concrete pipe throughout the state. This will be a 3-year project so no immediate decisions.

Pipe Inspection Accuracy

FDOT is working with the University of Florida, pipe inspection equipment manufacturers and inspection contractors to develop a "gauntlet" that will be used to potentially certify operators, provide training, and test them on their ability to properly use equipment and measure cracks, joints, and deformation. The test would also reveal practical limitations in the use of the measurement tools. At this time, the completion date is not known.

Final Inspection Process

No discussion was held at the August 10th Pipe Advisory Group on Section 430-4.8 Final Inspection. The last discussion of revising the final inspection specification was at the July meeting of the FDOT/FTBA Specifications Committee meeting in Tampa. At that Tampa specifications meeting, it was generally agreed upon by the concrete pipe producers (Rinker and Oldcastle on behalf of the Florida Concrete Pipe Institute), a flexible pipe producer

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The entry fee for the three-day tournament is only \$485.00 per player. The entry fee includes three rounds of golf for the tournament, two nights' accommodations, breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, dinner on Saturday evening, one free mulligan for each day (option to purchase additional mulligans will be available), skins game on Friday and Saturday and beverages on the course during tournament play. There will be great prizes (first and second place each day), optional purchase of skins game on Sunday and a lot of fun. There will also be prizes for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin. We will also be holding a putting contest each day. A HOSPITALITY SUITE will be available for your enjoyment and a location to turn in your score cards each day.

The tournament is open to the first 60 teams. So, hurry and mail your entry fee of \$485.00 per player along with this registration form to the UUCF office. Please make sure you write in your handicap and smoking preference as well as your partners. All handicaps will be checked. Sleeping accommodations consist of two people per a one bedroom suite (two double beds). Dress code for men is collared shirts and shorts or slacks. Cut-offs, jogging shorts, swimwear, jeans or T-Shirts/Tank tops are not allowed. Soft spikes are required on all courses.

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Please complete and return this registration form along with payment to the UUCF office **no later than September 14, 2011**. Please make checks payable to UUCF and mail to: 231 West Bay Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750-4125. Cancellations after September 14, 2011 and no shows will not be eligible to receive a refund. Registrations will be taken after September 14, 2011 if space is available. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880 or FAX at (407) 260-1582.

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The following sponsorships are available: Hospitality Suite at \$1,000.00 for exclusive sponsorship or two sponsors at \$500.00 each; Beverage Cart Sponsors at \$350.00 each (unlimited sponsorship slots available); Tournament Sponsors at \$200.00 each (unlimited slots available); Cigar Sponsors at \$200.00 each (unlimited sponsorship slots available); Putting Contest Sponsors at \$100.00 each (unlimited sponsorship slots available); Mulligan Sponsors at \$100.00 each (unlimited sponsorship slots available). A portion of the proceeds from this tournament will benefit the UUCF Legal Defense Fund.

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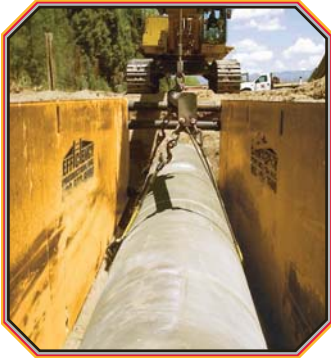
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and education is crucial to keeping them safe," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Heat-related illnesses are preventable. This new app is just one way the Labor Department is getting that message out."

The app, available in English and Spanish, combines heat index data from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with the user's location to determine necessary protective measures. Based on the risk level of the heat index, the app provides users with information about precautions they make take such as drinking fluids, taking rest breaks and adjusting work operations. Users also can review the signs and symptoms of heat stroke, heat exhaustion and other heat-related illnesses, and learn about first aid steps to take in an emergency. Information for supervisors is also available through the app on how to

gradually build up the workload for new workers as well as how to train employees on heat illness signs and symptoms. Additionally, users can contact OSHA directly through the app.

The app is designed for devices using an Android platform, and versions for BlackBerry and iPhone users will be released shortly. To download it, visit <http://go.usa.gov/KFE>.

More than 30 workers died from heat stroke in 2009. Thousands become ill from heat exhaustion and other heat illnesses every year. Some of the highest illness rates occur among construction workers, farmworkers, roofers, landscapers, baggage handlers and other air transportation workers.

Effective heat illness prevention requires simple planning. Employers are responsible for protecting workers by providing plenty of

water, scheduling rest breaks in the shade or air-conditioned spaces, planning heavy work early in the day, preparing for medical emergencies, training workers about heat and other job hazards, taking steps to help workers – especially those who are new to working outdoors or who have been away from work for a period of time – acclimatize to the heat, and gradually increasing workloads or allowing more frequent breaks during the first week of an outdoor project.

Information for employers about using the heat index to calculate and address risks posed to workers also is available through OSHA's new Web-based tool "Using the Heat Index: Employer Guidance," which is accessible at http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/heat_index/index.html. OSHA's other educational and training tools about heat illnesses prevention, available in English and Spanish, can be found at <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/>

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Florida businesses also pay a federal unemployment tax (this is the one that is going down). The federal tax is paid once a year, when the IRS

940 return is filed. Since 1976, the federal tax rate has been 6.2%. On July 1, 2011, this rate went down to 6.0%. Florida employers do not have to pay this full amount though; they get a 5.4% credit against that rate, lowering it to 0.6% (starting 7/1/11), or \$42 per year per employee. Before the 7/1/11, Florida employers paid 0.8%, or \$56 per employee per year for the federal unemployment taxes.

This means there will be two different tax rates that apply for the 2011 calendar year. From 1/1–6/30, the rate is 6.2%; from 7/1–12/31, the rate is 6.0%. The IRS is currently working on updating Form 940, Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment Tax Return, to reflect these two rates, and the form will be available before the due date of January 31, 2012. **Please note:** Even though Form 940 is only due once a year, you may have to deposit your federal unemployment tax before you file this return. If your federal unemployment tax is more

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President's Message



Dateline July, 2001 - UUCF Convention "2001: A Contractor Odyssey"

I was attending the convention with my wife Jackie at Hutchinson Island Marriott Beach Resort & Marina. As fate would have it, she found out that she was a winner of the \$500 cash drawing during dinner. Well let me tell you, that was found money in my wife's eyes, and she was going to spend it doing something she would otherwise not have done.

Her first choice was to see Madonna in concert. Luckily, that didn't work out so she decided that we should go to New York City. Neither of us had ever been, and we both looked forward to it very much. We booked the trip for September 7, 2001 with a



best friend from high school and his fiancé, and drank at the oldest Irish pub in Manhattan, McSorely's Old Ale House. That place was one of a kind. No bar stools and only two types of beer, McSorely's light and dark. My experience as a New Yorker wannabe had begun. The constant hum of a living, breathing and vibrant city couldn't be ignored. I could just feel the energy of this place as I walked down the streets. The most recognizable landmarks

return flight on September 9.

The first night in the Big Apple, we met up with my

were World Trade Center buildings 1 & 2. I remember seeing the antenna tower from 1 World Trade Center building and using it as a guide, a sort of north star as I navigated the city. It seems that no matter where you were, you could see the Twin Towers standing guard over its city. The next morning on September 8, Jackie and I went to see the WTC complex. We went inside the first floor of 1 WTC, saw the long tour registration line and turned around to go back outside. We never went inside the Twin Towers again. I stood at the base of 1 WTC and looked up to the cloudy sky and couldn't see the top of the building. It didn't seem possible a building could be so tall. I placed my hands on the steel wall as if doing so would create a special bond between me and the building.

I could not imagine that a large

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airliner would fly directly into this building three days later. I was standing on hallowed ground but didn't realize it until the Tuesday morning of September 11. It was then that I realized I was given a special blessing; an opportunity to say goodbye to these buildings when I thought I was saying hello.

As I flew home on Sunday, September 9 and looked down upon New York City, I marveled in its size, relative beauty and its incredible people. I was looking at a New York, however, that will never be the same. A New York that can never be revisited. The landscape has changed, the people have changed. We all have changed because of what happened that day but have we changed for the better?

In memory of all those who perished, and in respect for their family members who try to carry on their loved one's legacies, as you give tribute to those Americans on the tenth anniversary of 9-11, ask yourself if you've changed for the better, and vow to "NEVER FORGET"!

Sincerely,

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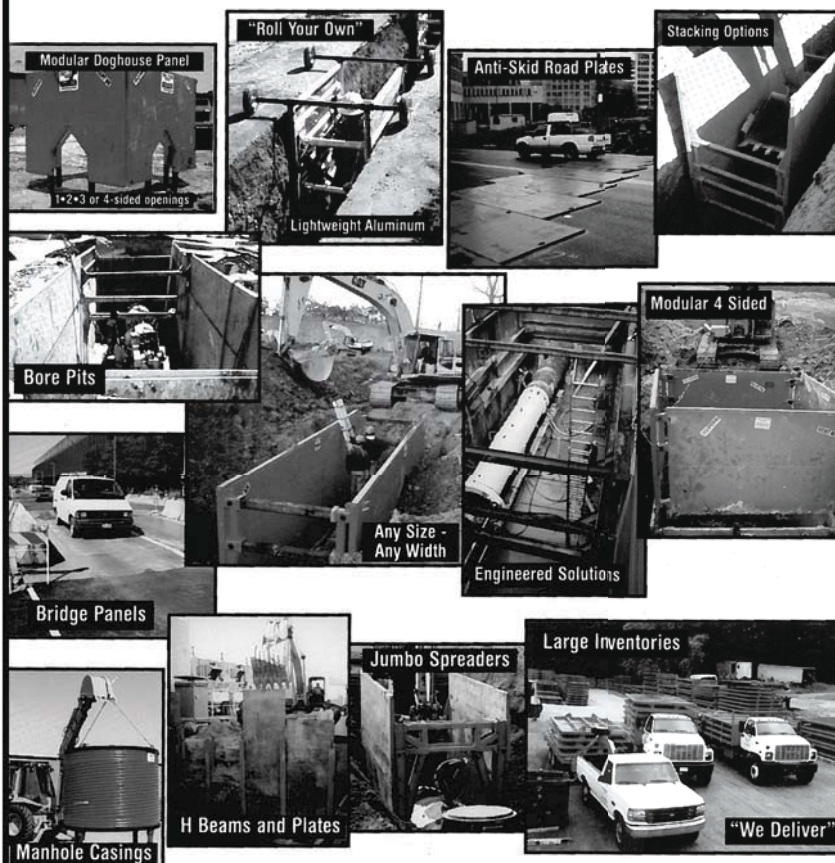
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- Direct and Indirect Costs
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Southwood Complex, Betty Easley
Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way, Room 178
Tallahassee, FL 33128

September 23, 2011

Miami
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State Office Building
401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, North Tower,
Room 423
Miami, FL 33128

October 4, 2011

Fort Myers
9:00 a.m. –
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State of Florida
Office Building
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October 12, 2011

2:00 p.m. –
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Workers'
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October 13, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workplace Safety
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October 18, 2011


Orlando
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State Office Building,
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400 West Robinson Street, South
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Calendar of Events

UUCF 2011

- Oct. 21–23 President's Cup Golf Tournament,
Orange County National Golf Center & Lodge,
Winter Garden
Nov. 4 Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

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- July 19–22 Annual Convention,
The Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, Orlando
July 19 Board of Director's Meeting,
The Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes, Orlando

NUCA of North Florida

- Oct. 21–23 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

- Oct. 8 Fishing Tournament, Pensacola Beach
Oct. 13 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
November 10 Board of Director's Meeting, Franco's
November (TBA) Annual Meeting, Pensacola

NUCA of Southwest Florida

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

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- 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 2011

- Nov. 17 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Nov. 18 Board of Director's Meeting,
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Dec. 16 Executive Committee Meeting,
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- Jan. 20 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
Feb. 16 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Feb. 17 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
Mar. 6–8 CGA Conference & Expo, Las Vegas, NV
Apr. (TBA) Spring Meeting
Apr. 20 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
May 16 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
May 17 Board of Director's Meeting,
DeBary Call Center
May 18 Golf Tournament
June 22 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
July 11 Strategic Planning Meeting
July 12 Committee Meetings
July 13 Board of Director's Meeting
Oct. 16 Executive Committee Meeting,
DeBary/Conference Call
Nov. 15 Committee Meetings, DeBary Call Center
Nov. 16 Board of Director's Meeting,
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Construction Industry Licensing Board Meetings

- Oct. 12–14 Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention
Center, Kissimmee, FL
Nov. 9–11 Hampton Inn & Suites Amelia Island,
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(Summary of FDOT Pipe Advisory Group (PAG) Meeting and Specification Topics Part II of II Continued from Page 8)

(ADS), FTBA (Bob Burleson), and NUCA (Bruce and David) that initial inspection at the subgrade elevation (under roadway) / finished grade (outside roadway) followed by final inspection (after structural pavement) under roadway only would be performed. David Sadler (Director, State Construction Office) and Bob Burleson (FTBA) agreed to coordinate as to how to define "under roadway." At this time, the ball is in their court and there have been no further updates.

At the PAG meeting, the only discussion on final inspection was to indicate that the FDOT is interested in simplifying the required reports from the eight currently required to three, namely joints, deformation/ovality, and other defects/damage. Presumably, cracks would fall under other defects/damage.

Installation in Wet Conditions

This topic was not discussed at the PAG meeting,





however, contractors have been expressing concern about the FDOT specification Section 125-8.3.4 (Backfill Under Wet Conditions). The specification requires contractors to use coarse aggregate pipe embedment from below the pipe to a point above the pipe where mechanical compaction could be performed. The coarse aggregate must be wrapped in a geotextile. Concern has been expressed by contractors in SW Florida and South Florida (east coast) about this specification. The concrete pipe industry would gladly provide support in resolving concerns with this construction issue.

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December 15, 2011

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
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2011 Holiday Calendar

Thanksgiving Day	11/24/11
Day after Thanksgiving Day	11/25/11
Christmas Eve	12/23/11
Christmas Day	12/26/11

2012 Holiday Calendar

Observance of New Year's Day	01/02/12
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day	01/16/12
Memorial Day	05/28/12
Independence Day	07/04/12
Labor Day	09/03/12
Thanksgiving Day	11/22/12
Day after Thanksgiving Day	11/23/12
Christmas Eve	12/24/12
Christmas Day	02/25/12

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2011 FDOT Letting Date

October 26
December 7

2012 FDOT Letting Date

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





Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

We had a great event on July 28 at Reynolds, Inc. for our family BBQ and Reload Raffle drawing. Thank you to Lauren Atwell and Reynolds, Inc. for hosting this event. The 60+ members were treated to a delicious BBQ cooked on location by Grill Billy's. There were games for the kids to play and an opportunity to get caught up with old friends and to meet some of our new members like Tim Owen and his team from Owens & Associates as well as Wayne Mazzula from Hands on Staffing and one of his employees.

The winner of the 2011 *Mike Allen Scholarship* is Brooke Woodall. She is the daughter of Mike & Flo Woodall, John Woody, Inc. Ted Turnbeaugh, Scholarship Committee Chairman, presented Brooke with a check for \$1,000 at the NUCA of North Florida BBQ & Reload Raffle drawing held on July 28 at Reynolds, Inc. Brooke graduated this year from Creekside High School with a class standing of 10 out of a class of 305 students. She will be attending the University of Alabama where she will be majoring in Collaborative Education. We congratulate Brooke on her many accomplishments and wish her every success in the coming year.

We recently welcomed two new members: Murphy Pipeline Contractors, Inc. and Highway Technologies. Murphy Pipeline Contractors is a pipe bursting company and Highway Technologies performs traffic control. We look forward to having them as active members of our association.

Have you received your copy of the Underground Utility Contractors of Florida 2011-2012 Directory yet? Copies of the directory were mailed out by UUCF at the beginning of August. If you didn't receive your copy, please contact Julie at (407) 830-1880. The NUCA of North Florida office also has a couple of extra copies.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, 4415 Southside Boulevard. Our guest speaker will be City Councilman Bill Gulliford. Bill will discuss the Mayor's new budget, City of Jacksonville's Change order process and the disparity study. There is no charge for this event. Light refreshments will be served.

Our Annual Fishing Tournament is only a few weeks away. The tournament will be held on Saturday, October 8 at Jim King Boat Ramp and Park, Sister's Creek Marina, City of Jacksonville. Sponsorship levels begin at \$125 and continue to \$1,500. This is a great event to bring your customers, business associates, employees, family and friends. Contact Kathy at (904) 296-1230 to get a registration form or to sign up as a sponsor. At press time, the following companies have already agreed to sponsor this event: Barco Duval Engineering, Port Consolidated, Professional Shoring & Supply, Coble Trench Safety, Enterprise Fleet Services and Ring Power Corporation.

NUCA of Northwest Florida

NUCA of Northwest Florida will hold its Annual Fishing Tournament on October 8. The Fishing Tournament Committee is working hard on putting together all the details. Last year's tournament was cancelled due to the Oil Spill, so we are looking forward to a large group of anglers this year.

Various Board Members have been attending the monthly County Commissioners meetings as well as the Board Meeting for Emerald Coast Utilities Authority. We are working hard at keeping our members updated on any changes that may take place within our area.

Congratulations to Emerald Coast Utilities Authority (ECUA) for being

selected to receive a *Gold Peak Performance Award*. The *Peak Performance Awards* program, presented by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for outstanding compliance records in the 2010 calendar year. ECUA received the *Gold Peak Performance Award* to honor the Bayou Marcus Water Reclamation Facility and its achievement of 100 percent compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for a full calendar year. The Bayou Marcus facility has received a Peak Performance Award in 12 of the past 13 years.

SUCA

It's hard to believe it's nearly fall. Hopefully we will have an uneventful remainder to the 2011 hurricane season as our heartfelt prayers and assistance continue to go out to our neighbors along the East Coast.

SUCA's July Membership Meeting at the Columbia Restaurant was Scholarship Night where we proudly awarded scholarships to the children of our SUCA members. This year's \$4,000.00 scholarship recipient was Garrett Mastronardi, son of James and Deborah Mastronardi of Willis of Florida. Garrett graduated from the highly demanding International Baccalaureate Program at Palm Harbor University with a 4.29 GPA and an SAT score of 2020. Garrett is attending the University of Florida in Gainesville where he is working on dual majors in Political Science and Public Administration. After college graduation, Garrett plans to become an attorney specializing in Public Administration. Garrett's ultimate goal is to become involved in local government and a member of the United States Congress. Congratulations to the Mastronardi family! SUCA wishes Garrett the very best in his college career. SUCA's scholarship winner, Garrett Mastronardi, also won a Meritorious





Scholarship Award of \$3,000.00 from the UUCF/ASJMSF.

SUCA's 2010 scholarship winner Breeanna Hafeli, daughter of Vince Hafeli of Ajax Paving Industries, attended and updated our membership on her studies as she received her second installment check. We were also fortunate to have SUCA's 2009 scholarship winner Caitlin Forshier, daughter of Nathan and Colleen Forshier of Wallace, Welch & Willingham, Inc., attended and updated our membership on her studies as she received her third installment check. Our 2008 scholarship recipient Amber Danielecki attended with her parents, Mark & Penny Danielecki of Raymow Construction Company, to receive her fourth and final scholarship installment check.

SUCAs annual golf tournaments fund the scholarship program, which has given out a total of \$94,500 to children of SUCA members since 1989. Special thanks to the 2011 Scholarship Committee members Chairperson Linda Shutt of David Nelson Construction Co.; Jack Neu of Nielson, Wojtowicz, Neu & Associates; Tom Woodward of David Nelson Construction Co.; Bill Cammann of Lanier Upshaw; and Tom Butler of RIPA & Associates.

SUCA is proud to announce Linda Shutt was awarded the coveted *Mitch Ellington Award* and Ken Wachman was awarded the *Gary D. Sawyer Award* at the 2011 UUCF Convention held in Key West in July. Congratulations to Linda and Ken on your awards! We truly appreciate your hard work and dedication to our association.

After a six year hiatus, we just wrapped up the 2011 SUCA Showcase and Municipality Appreciation Event at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tampa. Thirty six vendors participated on August 25 to showcase their products and services, and we thank them for their enthusiasm and great association support: ADA Solutions;

Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.; Atlantic TNG, LLC; Centerline/Labor Ready; Dallas 1 Construction & Development; Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.; Flagler Construction Equipment; Florida Gas & Electric Corp.; Freightliner of Tampa; GeoView; HD Supply Waterworks; HDPE, Inc.; Hydra Service, Inc.; L.J. Ruffin & Associates; Mabey Bridge & Shore, Inc.; Mack Concrete Industries, Inc.; MWI Pump Tampa; Nielson, Wojtowicz Neu & Associates; Nortrax, Inc.; Paul Blastic & Associates; Professional Shoring & Supply; Ring Power Corporation; Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Inc.; Rowland, Inc.; Safety Training & Consulting; STC Fire & Emergency Equipment Service; Specified Sales; Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc.; Technical Sales Corp.; Thames & Associates; The Fishel Company; The Ford Meter Box Company, Inc.; Thompson Pump & Manufacturing Co., Inc.; Titan America; U.S. Foundry & Manufacturing; and Wager Company. In addition to being exhibitors, nearly all of these firms donated door prizes.

Thanks to our Grand Door Prize Sponsors who provided a 51" Samsung 3D flatscreen television with two pairs of 3D glasses to the lucky winner, Lou Merucci of LGM Contracting, Inc., Dallas 1 Construction & Development; David Nelson Construction Co.; Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.; Florida Gas & Electric Corp.; HDPE, Inc.; HD Supply Waterworks, Inc.; Hydra-Service, Inc.; L.J. Ruffin & Associates; Mabey Bridge & Shore, Inc.; Mack Concrete Industries, Inc.; MWI Pump Tampa; Nortrax, Inc.; Professional Shoring & Supply; Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers, Inc.; Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc.; The Fishel Company; and Technical Sales Corp.

Hundreds of tickets have been mailed for SUCA's 16th Annual Fish Fry which will be held on Thursday, September 15 at lunch time in Largo Central Park. This very popular event typically draws over 300 people for

a great, relaxing lunch with great seafood prepared on site by Sam's Seafood, Dunedin. The ticket price remains \$12.00 per person, and the meal includes two kinds of fish, hush puppies, grits, cole slaw and peach cobbler. Ten tickets have been mailed out to each member firm. Please remember to return any unwanted tickets to the SUCA office by Friday, September 9 to avoid being charged for unused tickets.

SUCA's October General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 6 at the Rusty Pelican in Tampa. Registration and cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$36.00 per person. Hillsborough County Commissioner Mark Sharpe will be our guest speaker for the evening. All members in attendance will have the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session.

SUCA's Membership Committee, chaired by Wayne Jensen of Stahl & Associates Insurance, is in full swing with 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 half price. Please contact the SUCA office for more information. Remember, you will receive \$50 for each new member you sponsor!

SUCA's 6th Annual Clay Shoot will be held on Friday, October 21 at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays in Land O' Lakes. Registration and breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m., and the tournament will begin at 9:00 a.m. The tournament will be followed by a barbecue lunch and awards. The cost for a four man team is \$350. This price includes the fifty target, eight station event, ammunition, breakfast, lunch and awards. Tickets will also be sold for a shotgun raffle at the event. If you are interested in sponsoring this event, please contact the SUCA office. **IMPORTANT:** There are very specific safety rules and regulations for the clay shoot.

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3% Withholding Tax Update

The 3% withholding law, which was enacted in Section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (P.L. 109-222) as section 3402(t) of the Internal Revenue Code, mandates that federal, state and local governments withhold 3% of nearly all of their contract payments, Medicare payments, farm payments and certain grants. Compliance with this law will impose significant, unnecessary financial burdens on both the public and private sectors. Construction groups stand ready to work with Congress and the Administration to improve tax compliance for companies and other entities receiving federal dollars while also repealing the onerous 3% withholding tax.

There have been numerous legislative and regulatory measures put in place since the enactment of the 3% withholding law back in 2006 that have focused on increasing tax compliance and enhancing transparency for companies that have received government payments. All these initiatives taken together obviate any rationale or need for retaining the withholding mandate and will be far more cost-effective for the government.

The withholding is a flat percentage of revenues from government payments, bears no relationship to companies' taxable incomes, and will restrict cash flow needed for day-to-day operations and investments. In addition, the administrative and capital investment costs to businesses and governments will be substantial and the withholding mandate will be exceedingly complicated to implement. Access to capital is a major concern for businesses in this economy, and the 3% withholding will further compound this problem for businesses by limiting their operating capital and cash-on-hand. Businesses, especially small businesses, do not need additional

limits on capital while the economy begins to recover.

While the 3% withholding requirement is not scheduled to go into effect until January 1, 2012, it's already proving costly, and such costs will increase exponentially as the implementation deadline moves closer. Businesses – the vast majority of which are small businesses without any tax delinquencies – and governmental entities are starting to expend resources now in preparation for implementation due to major system and process changes needed for withholding, reporting and reconciling the millions of affected payments annually. These changes have to be made well in advance of 2012.

In a memo on August 29, 2011 to House Republican members, Majority Leader Eric Cantor laid out their agenda for the fall, and included in the memo is repeal of the 3% withholding tax. See below:

IMMEDIATE TAX RELIEF TO CREATE MIDDLE CLASS JOBS

The second focus of our jobs agenda this fall and winter will pursue tax relief designed to help American employers create middle class jobs. Small businesses, in particular, are overburdened with taxes that destroy jobs and in a fragile economy, the worst thing government can do is impose tax increases that prevent small businesses from hiring. Instead, government should be focused on ways to enable businesses small and large to unlock more capital and create new jobs.

3% Withholding Rule Repeal:
Beginning in 2013, federal, state, and local governments will be required to withhold three percent of all government payments made to contractors in excess of \$100 million. While the law has been delayed multiple times, its effect

once implemented will be massive—causing accounting burdens on governments and potentially harmful cash flow disruptions for contractors and subcontractors across all sectors. Therefore, we will move quickly this fall to repeal this burdensome requirement and relieve construction contractors, medical providers, manufacturers, farmers, and many others providing goods and services under government contracts of the uncertainty the impending law is creating.

Link to Majority Leader Cantor's full memo: <http://ht.ly/6fqKJ>.

The Department of Defense estimates that the costs to comply with the 3% withholding requirement will be over \$17 billion over the first five years. DoD's estimated costs are already substantially more than any savings. Other federal, state and local governments will have enormous costs as well.

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Each person involved (shooting or not) must sign a waiver and wear ear and eye protection (ear protection provided. Bring your own safety, sun or prescription glasses).

Mark your calendars now for SUCA's Annual December Banquet on Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the beautiful Tampa Club. Information on rooms will be out to the membership shortly. The banquet this year will be event packed with the reverse raffle drawing, a silent auction, awards and presentations, dinner and live entertainment. The photo booth will also return this year!

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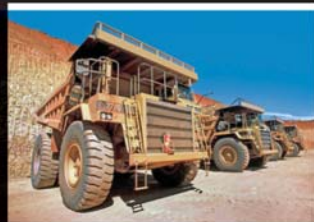


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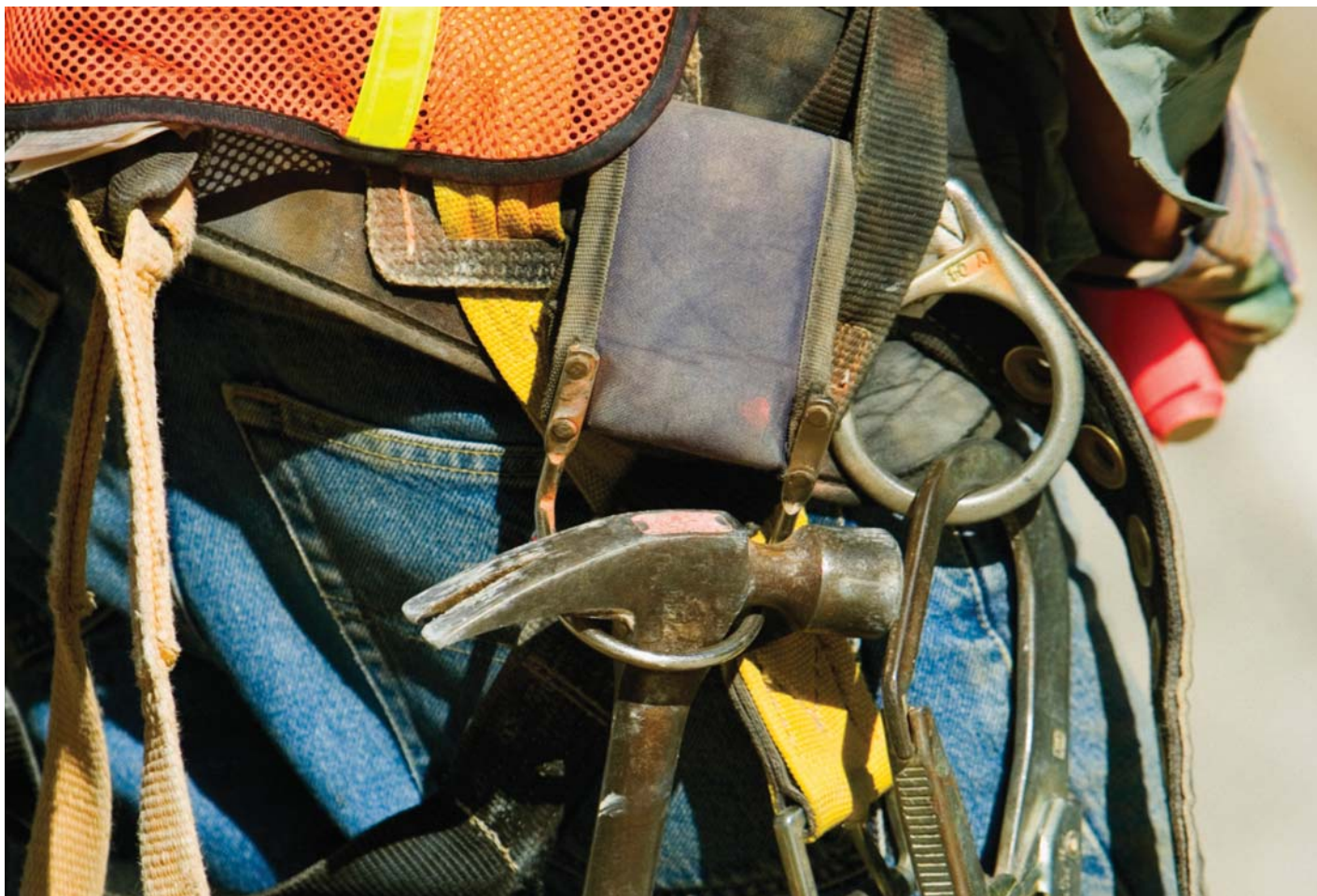
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