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## 2012 UUCF Convention

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**UUCF**  
**2012 Convention**  
**The Ritz-Carlton,**  
**Orlando Grande Lakes**  
**July 19-22, 2012**  
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The UUCF 2012 Convention theme is *Grande Slam at The Ritz* with a subtheme of *UUCF in a League of its Own*. The Convention Committee wants to keep you informed of all events, information and changes concerning this year's convention. Therefore, we will be holding a Baseball Trivia game prior to the convention. Somewhere hidden in various e-mails that you receive from the UUCF office, there will be a trivia question. You are encouraged to open each e-mail, read up on the convention and answer the trivia question. Keep your answers and bring them to the convention. We will draw two winners from the correct answers at the convention. The first name drawn will be awarded \$100.00, and the second name drawn will be awarded \$75.00. We will also be holding a separate drawing for those individuals who will not be able to attend the convention. The first name from the correct answers will be awarded \$50.00.

Please copy and paste this entry/answer form and bring it with you to the convention. **If you are not attending the convention**, please return by fax (407) 260-1582 or e-mail [julie@uucf.com](mailto:julie@uucf.com) **no later than 5:00 p.m. eastern time on Monday, July 16, 2012.**

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# UUCF 2012 Convention

UUCF will be holding its 2012 Convention at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando, Florida on July 19-22. This year's Convention Theme is *Grande Slam at The Ritz* with a subtheme of *UUCF in a League of its Own*.

UUCF has sent out registration forms to the membership. If you haven't sent in your registration form, please submit to the UUCF office **as soon as possible**. To obtain the registration forms, please [\*\*click here\*\*](#).

The UUCF room block at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes expired on Friday, June 22, 2012. At this point in time, the hotel is sold out. If you plan on attending the convention, but do not have a room reserved, please contact the UUCF office and we will do our best to assist you in obtaining a reservation.

UUCF would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Convention Committee. They are: Convention Chairperson Paula Lieser with Pensacola Concrete Construction Company, Inc.; Lauren Atwell, Layne Heavy Civil, Inc.; Kim Bryan, Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc.; Bill Davis, HD Supply Waterworks; Larry Falls, Associated Construction Products, Inc.; Chris Stewart, Xylem, Inc.; Kathy Blackman, NUCA of North Florida Executive Director; Sharon Fugatt, NUCA of Southwest Florida; and Misty McKendree, SUCA Executive Director.

UUCF is pleased to announce that Friday, July 20, 2012 is officially Contractor's Day at the 2012 Convention. UUCF is offering vendors who are members of UUCF the opportunity to have a table top display in the same room



as the round table discussions and industry guest speakers. The table top displays will give attendees the opportunity to speak with a representative of the vendor about their current and/or new products/technologies. UUCF would recommend that the regional manager for the vendor be present. Vendors who purchase a table

top display will also be allowed to participate in the round table discussions and hear the industry speakers. UUCF will provide each vendor with a clothed 6' table.

## **Tentative Schedule:**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.: Vendors to set up table top display  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Attendees mingle with vendors  
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.: Round table discussion  
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: Break  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Speaker  
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon: Attendees mingle with vendors  
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch on own  
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.: Round table discussion  
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.: Break  
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Speaker

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- \$500.00

**Attendee**

There is no charge for individuals who are fully registered for the UUCF Convention to attend Contractor's Day as this is part of the registration fee. However, advanced registration is still required in order to provide adequate seating. For individuals who would like to attend Contractor's Day but are not fully registered to attend the UUCF Convention, the cost is \$25.00 per person. For a registration form, please go to **page 9**.

UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a vendor in the table top:

- **Ferguson Waterworks, Inc.**
- **Florida Concrete Pipe Institute**
- **HD Supply Waterworks**
- **MWI Pumps**

- **Nortrax**
- **Professional Shoring & Supply**
- **Thompson Pump & Mfg. Co., Inc.**
- **Xylem, Inc.**

To register to attend and/or reserve a table top display, please **click here** for a Registration Form, complete and return via fax, mail or e-mail **no later than June 29, 2012** to the UUCF office.

UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a Platinum Sponsor for this year's convention:

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UUCF is still accepting Platinum Sponsors for the 2012 Convention. 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.
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- Each Platinum Sponsor will have an exhibit board to display information pertaining to their

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- 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.
- Twelve months of full page advertisements in the *Ditchmen* magazine. First option on returning as a sponsor for the 2013 Annual convention.

UUCF would like to thank the following companies for committing to be a Gold Sponsor for this year's convention:

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- **HD Supply Waterworks**
- **Linder Industrial Machinery Company**
- **Pensacola Concrete Construction Co., Inc.**
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Professional Shoring & Supply  
Ring Power Corporation  
Utility Service Company, Inc.**

**Watch future issues of the *Ditchmen*  
for additional information.**

## Contractor V License Renewal Reminder

UUCF would like to remind you that your Contractor V license from the State Fire Marshal's office is up for renewal on June 30, 2012. Current law requires Contractor V licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in fire protection discipline.

Remember, there is reciprocity between the State Fire Marshal's office and Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB). Therefore, continuing education hours secured for your Contractor V license will apply to your underground utility and excavation contractor's license with the CILB and vice versa.

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- Your company name listed with other Gold Sponsors in our convention program which will be given to all attendees.
- Choice of six months of a full page advertisement or one year of a half page advertisement in *Ditchmen* magazine.
- First option on returning as a Gold Sponsor for the 2013 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, P.A. (three slots)**
- **Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors, Inc. (two slots)**
- **Ring Power Corporation**
- **Suncoast Utility Contractors Association**
- **Utility Service Company, Inc. (three slots)**
- **Valenti, Trobec & Woody**
- **Xylem, Inc.**

UUCF is now accepting Silver Sponsors for the 2012 Convention. To become a Silver Sponsor, the cost is \$500.00 per slot. Silver Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

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Reception is Proudly Sponsored or Co-Sponsored by "Your Company Name").

- Your company name will be listed with other Silver Sponsors in our convention brochure which will be given to all attendees.
- Choice of two months of a full page advertisement or four months of a half page advertisement in *Ditchmen* magazine.
- First option on returning as a Silver Sponsor for the 2013 Convention.

UUCF is now accepting Bronze Sponsors for the 2012 Convention. To become a Silver Sponsor, the cost is between \$100.00 and \$250.00 per slot. Bronze Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

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# 2012 Legislature Addresses Lack of Recorded Bonds for Public Projects

## By — Deborah Lawson

Governmental Affairs Consultant

Best estimates are that 40–50 percent of all bonds for public construction projects are not properly recorded in the public records as required by statute. The 2012 Legislature acknowledged this deficiency and imposed a penalty on the general contractor for failure to record the payment and performance bond(s).

HB 897 by Moraitis provides that the public entity may not make payment to the contractor until the contractor has delivered a certified copy of the recorded bond to the public entity. This provision applies regardless of other laws or contractual provisions regarding the timing of payment to the contractor, and applies to all contracts entered into on or after October 1, 2012. See, s. 255.05(1)(b), *Florida Statutes 2012*.

Why is this important? The bond information is critical to all subcontractors and suppliers working on your public projects. The payment bond is their only protection if payment is not properly made by the general contractor. A side-benefit for public entities – if payment bonds are properly recorded and available in the public records, direct requests to public entities for copies of bonds should be substantially reduced, benefiting all involved.

Section 255.05(1), *Florida Statutes*, sets forth the requirements for contractors to obtain payment and performance bonds, record them, and provide them to the public

entity. The section also sets forth in detail what information must be contained on the front page of the bond which includes correct names, phone numbers and addresses for the owner, contractor and surety; the contract number assigned by the public entity; the bond number; a descriptions of the project and the improvement; and a legal description or street address for the property being improved. This information is intended to aid subcontractors and suppliers in identifying the correct bond for the correct project.

Florida law still requires public entities to provide copies of bonds upon request, but it is our hope that this will become less and less necessary and recording of bonds in a timely manner becomes the norm.

*Deborah Lawson is a governmental affairs consultant who lives and works in Tallahassee, Florida. She specializes in representing construction subcontractors and material suppliers before the Florida Legislature and State agencies.*

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- be displayed on the Bronze Sponsor board located at the registration desk for maximum exposure.
- Your company name will be listed with the other Bronze Sponsors in our convention brochure which will be given to all attendees.

- First option on returning as a Bronze Sponsor for the 2013 Convention.

If your company is interested in becoming a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Sponsor of the UUCF Convention, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830–1880.

UUCF will also be holding a Wiffle ball Tournament and an optional event for spouses. For the registration forms, please [click here](#).

The Convention Committee will be holding a Baseball Trivia game prior to the convention. Somewhere hidden in various e-mails that you receive from the UUCF office, there will be a trivia question. You are encouraged to open each e-mail, read up on the convention and answer the trivia question. Keep your answers and bring them to the convention. We will draw two winners from the correct answers at the convention. The first name drawn will be awarded \$100.00, and the second name drawn will be awarded \$75.00. We will also be holding a separate drawing for those individuals who will not be able to attend the convention. The first name from the correct answers will be awarded \$50.00. Be sure to read your e-mails for the hidden trivia questions. The form can be found on **Page 2** in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

Hope to see you on July 19–22 at The Ritz–Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes!





**UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS OF FLORIDA**

**Contractor's Day Attendee Registration Form**

**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Friday, July 20, 2012**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NICKNAME FOR BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ There is no cost for individuals fully registered for the UUCF Convention.

**Please register the following individuals for Contractor's Day (which includes the Round Table Discussion):**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The cost for individuals not registered for the UUCF Convention is \$25.00 per person.

**Please register the following individuals for Contractor's Day (which includes the Round Table Discussion):**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to submit the following round table topics for consideration:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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Contractor's Day Vendor Registration Form

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday, July 20, 2012

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COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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# UUCF Receives Nominations for 2012 Construction Performance Awards

UUCF will be holding its Fifteenth Annual Awards Presentation for the Mitch Ellington Award (Contractor Member of the Year), Gary D. Sawyer Award (Associate Member of the Year) and Andrew J. Mayts Award (Board of Director of the Year). The awards honor outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions (on the local level and continue on to the state level) to the industry and/or association. These contributions can be in any area that results in benefits, progress, achievement or

recognition for our association or industry and must have local and/or state impact.

The winners will be announced and awards presented at the UUCF 2012 Convention on Friday evening, July 20 at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes in Orlando.

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: Gabe Jackson (Brown Construction of NW Florida, Inc.)
- SUCA: Lisa Judge (Ajax Paving

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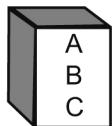
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Industries, Inc.)

### Associates:

- NUCA of North Florida: Mike Gruber (Ellis & Associates, Inc.)
- NUCA of Northwest Florida: Chris Dixon (Coastal Machinery Company)
- SUCA: Wayne Jensen (Stahl & Associates Insurance)

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 Bruce Wendorf and UUCF Executive Vice President Bruce Kershner.

## CILB Hot Topics

### Re-activation of Inactive Licenses:

HB 517 passed during the 2012 Legislative Session and was approved by Governor Rick Scott on April 6, 2012. This bill reduces the number of continuing education credits an inactive or delinquent contractor licensee must complete prior to reactivating his or her license. Effective July 1, 2012, an inactive or delinquent licensee

will only need to complete the continuing education requirements for the renewal cycle immediately preceding license reactivation.

### Applications and Licensure:

**Streamlined Applications Released**  
In an effort to assist applicants through the licensure process and to reduce the number of deficient applications, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the Construction Industry Licensing Board conducted a complete review and revision of construction applications. The new application forms provide clearer instructions, reduce paperwork and provide clear criteria to establish financial stability/responsibility and work experience.

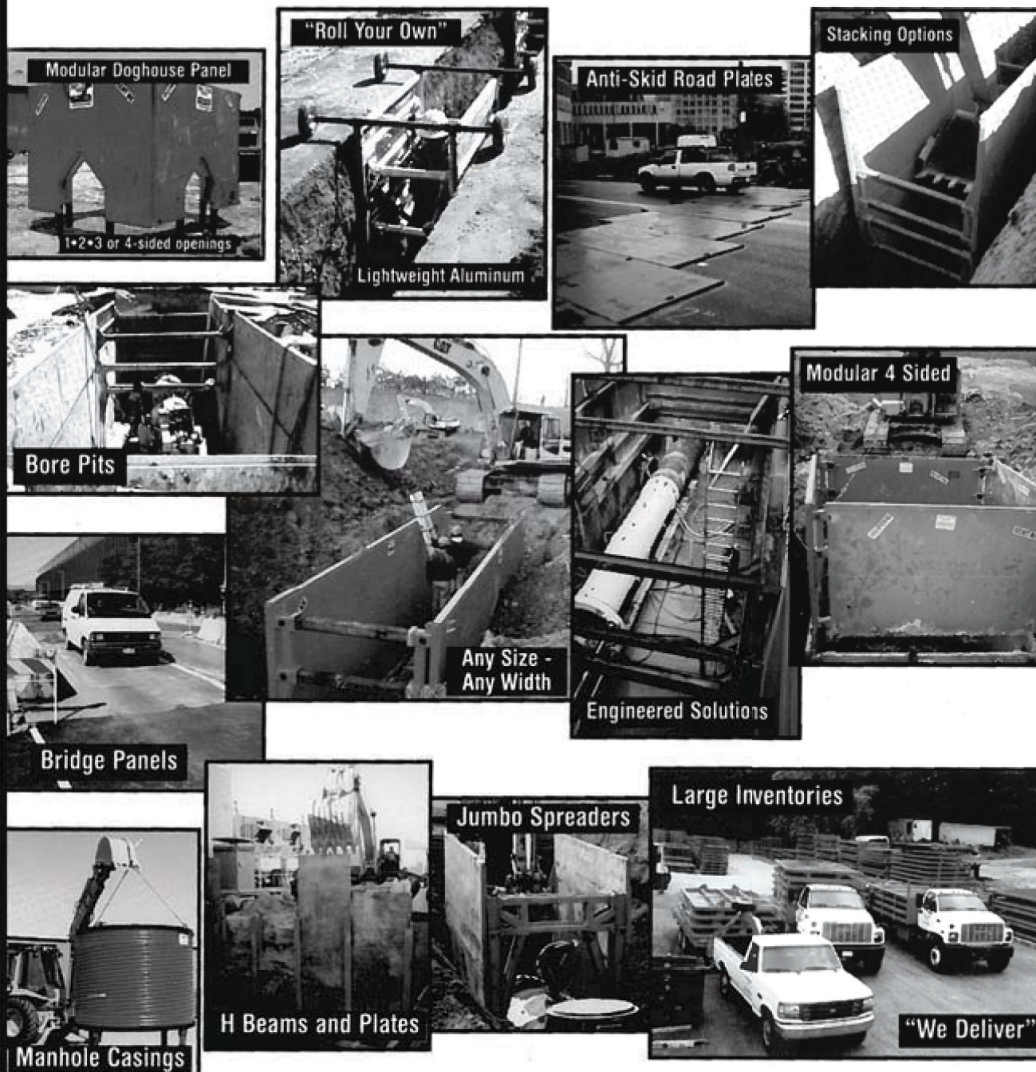
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- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

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 dates and times for future sessions:

## **June 21, 2012**

Tallahassee  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST  
Southwood Complex, Betty Easley  
Conference Center  
4075 Esplanade Way, Room 180  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

## **July 10, 2012**

Jacksonville  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST  
Florida Department of Law  
Enforcement  
921 North Davis Street, Building E,  
Room A  
Jacksonville, FL 32209

## **July 11, 2012**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST  
Workers' Compensation  
WEB Based class

## **July 12, 2012**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST  
Workplace Safety  
WEB Based class

## **July 24, 2012**

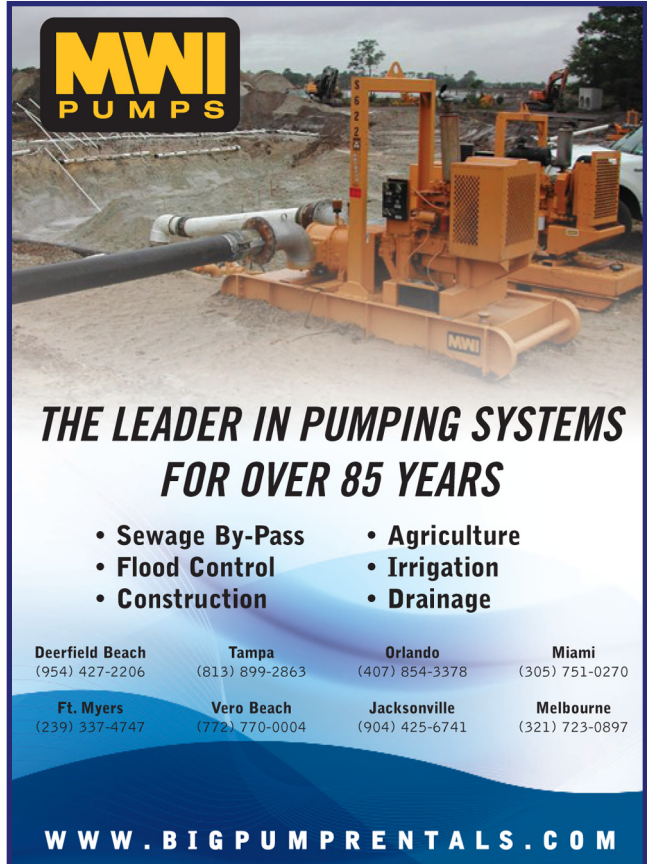
Fort Myers  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST  
State of Florida Office Building  
2295 Victoria Avenue,  
Room 165 C & D  
Fort Myers, FL 33901

## **July 26, 2012**

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

## **August 7, 2012**

Pensacola  
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## **August 15, 2012**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST  
Workers' Compensation  
WEB Based class

## **August 16, 2012**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST  
Workplace Safety  
WEB Based class

## **August 17, 2012**

Pompano Beach  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST  
Workforce One  
2301 West Sample Road, Building 4,  
Conference Room C  
Pompano Beach, FL 33073

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# Calendar of Events

## UUCF

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  
Sept./Oct. (TBA) ..... President's Cup Golf Tournament  
Nov. 2 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando

## NUCA of North Florida

July 26 ..... General Membership Meeting  
Aug. 14 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Aug. 16 ..... Bettering Your Business  
Sept. 11 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Sept. 26 ..... General Membership Meeting  
Oct. 9 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Oct. (TBA) ..... Fishing Tournament  
Nov. 6 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Nov. 15 ..... Election of Officers  
Dec. 10 ..... Executive Committee Meeting  
Dec. (TBA) ..... Holiday Party

## NUCA of Northwest Florida

July 12 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola  
Aug. 9 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola  
Aug. (TBA) ..... Golf Tournament, Pensacola  
Sept. 13 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola  
Sept. (TBA) ..... General Membership Meeting, Pensacola  
Oct. 11 ..... Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola  
Oct. (TBA) ..... Annual Equipment Rodeo, Pensacola  
Nov. 8 ..... Membership Meeting, Pensacola

## NUCA of Southwest Florida

July 19 ..... General Membership Meeting  
Aug. 16 ..... General Membership Meeting  
Sept. (TBA) ..... Fishing Tournament  
Oct. 25 ..... Trade Show  
Dec. (TBA) ..... Christmas Party

## SUCA

July 12 ..... General Membership Meeting  
& Scholarship Night, Columbia Restaurant, Ybor  
Aug. 2 ..... SUCA Showcase,  
DoubleTreeHotel, Tampa  
Sept. 6 ..... General Membership Meeting  
Sept. 20 ..... Fish Fry, Largo Central Park, Largo  
Oct. 4 ..... Annual Membership Meeting & Elections  
Nov. 1 ..... General Membership Meeting  
& Installation of 2012 Officers & Directors  
Nov. 10 ..... Clay Shoot, Tampa Bay Sporting Clays,  
Land O' Lakes  
Dec. 1 ..... Holiday Banquet, Tampa Club, Tampa

## National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) 2013

Feb. 11–15 ..... Convention,  
Sheraton Phoenix Downtown Hotel, Phoenix, AZ  
Oct. 2–6 ..... Fall Board of Directors and Leadership  
Meeting, El Conquistador in Las Croabas, Puerto Rico

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

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,  
DeBary Call Center

## Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) Meetings

July 11–13 ..... The Bohemian Celebration Hotel,  
Celebration  
Aug. 8–10 ..... Casa Monica Hotel,  
St. Augustine  
Sept. 12–14 ..... The Biltmore Hotel,  
Coral Gables  
Oct. 10–12 ..... Embassy Suites Orlando–North,  
Altamonte Springs  
Nov. 14–16 ..... Embassy Suites Tampa/USF,  
Tampa

## (Division of Workers' Compensation Offers Free Classes

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### September 6, 2012

Orlando  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST  
State Office Building, Hurston Complex  
400 West Robinson Street, North Tower, Conference  
Room N-301  
Orlando, FL 32801

### September 12, 2012

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Workers' Compensation  
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### September 13, 2012

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Workplace Safety  
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Classes**

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**September 20, 2012**

Tallahassee

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**October 17, 2012**

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**November 15, 2012**

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Workplace Safety

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**December 12, 2012**

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# Sunshine 811 2012 Holiday Calendar

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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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## 2012 FDOT Letting Date

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August 29  
September 26  
October 31  
December 5

## 2013 FDOT Letting Date

January 30  
February 27  
March 27  
April 24  
May 22  
June 19





# Chapter News

## **NUCA of North Florida**

If you love a good storm, you should have been at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville on May 17. While we were enjoying the buffet, the skies opened up. We were treated to a huge thunderstorm complete with heavy winds, rain and hail. It was crazy! The storm ended, and the game got started. The first pitch was thrown out by a guy who was celebrating his 100th birthday. What an inspiration! The Jacksonville Suns used the long ball to defeat the Pensacola Blue Wahoos in the first game of their series 8-5.

The NUCA Washington Summit was May 8-10 and was attended by Ryan Schmitt. While attendance was not as high as preferred, there was great participation from numerous first time attendees. An information packed Legislative Conference was held on the May 8 with numerous guest speakers addressing the legislative and regulatory issues of the day. NUCA members visited their congressmen on Wednesday the 9 and our message was two-fold: we were seeking co-sponsors for the PAB (Private Activity Bond) legislation (H.R. 1802/SB 939) and support of the Highway Bill. The passed Senate's version of the highway included a modified provision of the PAB legislation within the legislation. Locally, we had very positive visits with John Mica, Corrine Brown and Ander Crenshaw. There was even talk about getting a delegation letter in support of the PAB legislation. We focused on just two issues this year because they are by far the "hottest" issues and are both in play to be a huge boost to our industry. We were also able to minimize our lobbying issues because last year we were successful in repealing the 3% Withholding tax! Good job NUCA.

We will be having a Safety Director's Forum on Thursday, June 21 at 8:00 a.m. at A. J. Johns, Inc. We

have invited OSHA to come and be our guest speaker. Call the office at (904) 296-1230 to register. All members are encouraged to attend.

We will be participating in a Candidate's Forum on Thursday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the AT&T building. This will be a great event to meet and talk with the candidates. Anyone interested in attending should call the NUCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230.

We are having a Red, White and Blue Donation Campaign for our adopted charity, Seamark Ranch. There are so many needed items and they don't have to be large – they just need to be RED, WHITE OR BLUE! Travel an aisle at Wal-Mart or Target and the ideas abound! Here's a sampling: Paper towels, Tylenol, Toothpaste, Linens, Red or Blue gift cards, Brushes, Paper plates, Dish soap, You get the picture!! Our goal is raise no less than 300 items!! Come on, folks, that should be easy!! Contractors are a competitive bunch – after all, we keep bidding projects day after day – so turn this into a challenge! Commit yourself to donating the most items! On Saturday, June 23, we will load up the items in member's trucks, flatbeds, etc., deliver them to the Ranch and have a BBQ lunch with the families! We encourage EVERYONE to attend! Contracting has been a tough business to be in these past few years and we all need something that just feels good! Well, you found it! With little to no financial impact, a small amount of your time and a great motivation, this is what you've been waiting for! Questions – contact Kathy Blackman or Kim Bryan.

The UUCF Convention will be here before you know it! Reservation forms are now available. If you have not done so already, please register today!

## **SUCA**

Several SUCA members traveled to Washington, DC in May to attend NUCA's Washington Summit and to visit our legislators. SUCA Chairman, Ken Wachman (MWI Pump), Tim Smith (Dallas 1 Construction & Development) and Misty McKendree represented SUCA on Capital Hill.

While in our nation's capital, the SUCA representatives had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Gus Bilirakus, Congressman Richard Nugent and staff from the offices of Senator Marco Rubio, Senator Bill Nelson, Congressman Dennis Ross, Congresswoman Kathy Castor, Congressman Vern Buchanan and Congressman Bill Young. The message delivered to our lawmakers was our industry's need for them to 1) co-sponsor H.R. 1802 and S. 939 – the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Investment Act – lifting the cap on private investment in infrastructure projects through private activity bonds (PABs); and 2) to keep the PAB accommodation in the Surface Transportation Bill as the House and Senate work out a final version. This is important legislation that if passed, would employ thousands of construction workers, repair critical infrastructure, and use private capital to get it done.

SUCA members enjoyed a day of golf on Friday, May 4 at Quail Hollow Golf Club in Wesley Chapel. The weather and course condition couldn't have been more perfect! Tournament Co-chairmen Larry Falls of Associated Construction Products and David Runyan of Florida Gas & Electric would like to thank everyone who participated in the tournament for their support of SUCA's scholarship program, now in its 24th year. It is through your participation in and sponsorships of our annual golf tournament that SUCA is able to continue our





scholarship program.

Congratulations to the following 2012 Sawyer Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament winners: **First Place Team** – Stahl & Associates Insurance (Wayne Jensen, Vas Ziatas, Tim McAlvanah). **Second Place Team** – Caterpillar Financial Services Corp./Ring Power Corp. (Bill Taylor, Jason Bridges, Toby Crews, Bert Hammett). **Third Place Team** – Nortrax Equipment (Mike Festing-Smith, Bob Porter, Mark Miller, Jack Condrey). **Longest Drive Winners Hole #9** – Bert Hammett of Ring Power Corp. **Hole #14** – Chris Haan of Dallas 1 Construction & Development. **Closest to the Pin Winners Hole #3** – Rick Pfaffendorf of Advanced Drainage Systems. **Hole #16** – Tom Butler of RIPA & Associates. **Survival Pack Drawing Winner of an iPad** – Bill Taylor of Caterpillar Financial Services Corp.

Thanks to the SUCA Golf Committee for putting together

such a wonderful tournament and to Darlene Hester of ME Wilson Company for her expert assistance with registration and the sale of survival packs. A special thank you also to our tournament sponsors for their extreme generosity: **Beverage Sponsor** – Flagler Construction Equipment. **Tee/Green Sponsors** – Acme Barricades, Advanced Drainage Systems, Ajax Paving Industries, Associated Construction Products, Dallas 1 Construction & Development, Ferguson Waterworks, Florida Gas & Electric Corp., HD Supply Waterworks, LGM Contracting, Linder Industrial Machinery Co., M E Wilson Co. Insurance & Bonding, Mabey Bridge & Shore, Inc., Nortrax Equipment Co., Professional Shoring & Supply, RIPA & Associates, Inc., Stuart Angelo & Co., CPA's, Thompson Pump & Manufacturing, Video Scan, Inc., Westra Construction Corp. and Woodruff & Sons, Inc. **Prize Sponsors** – Florida Gas & Electric Corp., HD Supply Waterworks, M E Wilson Company and MWI Pump

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SUCA's June 7 Membership Mixer & Guest Night at the Blue Martini was a huge success! Over 80 Members and guests enjoyed networking and catching up over drinks and appetizers in the VIP lounge area. Congratulations to Robert VanValin of Pepper Contracting Services, Inc. for being named SUCA's Top Recruiter for 2012. A check in the amount of \$250 was awarded to Robert at the mixer for his efforts in increasing SUCA's membership.

SUCA's Scholarship Committee, chaired by Tom Woodward of David Nelson Construction Co. and assisted by Tom Butler of RIPA & Associates, Bill Cammann of Lanier Upshaw and Penny Danielecki of Raymow Construction Co., has made their selection from a field of impressive applicants for the 2012 Scholarship award. The recipient will be announced and awards presented at Scholarship Night on



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July 12 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 \$94,500.00 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](mailto:mtjader@suca.org).

The 2012 SUCA Showcase will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2012 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Tampa from 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. This table top show is well on its way to selling out! Invited guests 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 Larry Falls of Associated Construction Products 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 36 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 2012 a success!

We hope you will attend SUCA's 17th Annual Fish Fry on Thursday, September 20 at Largo Central Park in Largo. As always, this is a very informal, outdoor, lunchtime event. Your taste buds will be tempted with two kinds of fish (prepared on site), hush puppies, grits, cole slaw, peach cobbler and more. This is a real southern fish fry! Sorry, there will be no carry-outs as this event is a membership get-together. SUCA member employees, prospective members, customers, guests and family are all welcome to attend!

Ten tickets will be mailed to each member firm in late August. Unwanted tickets should be returned to the SUCA office to avoid charges.

SUCA's Membership Committee, chaired by Tom Butler of RIPA & Associates, 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, as the recruiter, you will receive \$50.00 for each new member you sponsor!

SUCA members are excited to attend the 2012 UUCF Convention at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes on July 19-22. 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](http://www.suca.org).



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