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Underground Utility Contractors of Florida, Inc.

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2012 UUCF Convention

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UUCF
2012 Convention
The Ritz-Carlton,
Orlando Grande Lakes
July 19-22, 2012
HEY BATTER, BATTER!!!



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 **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 secured a room rate of \$159.00 per night. The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes does not have a resort fee; however, there is a charge of \$18.00 per day for self parking and \$24.00 per day for valet. Don't delay. The UUCF room block expires on **Friday, June 22, 2012**. After this date, UUCF cannot guarantee the group room rate.

The Hotel Registration Form can be found on **Page 9** this issue of the *Ditchmen* or in the Members Only Section on the UUCF website at www.uucf.com. Watch your e-mails and future issues of the *Ditchmen* for additional information.

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.

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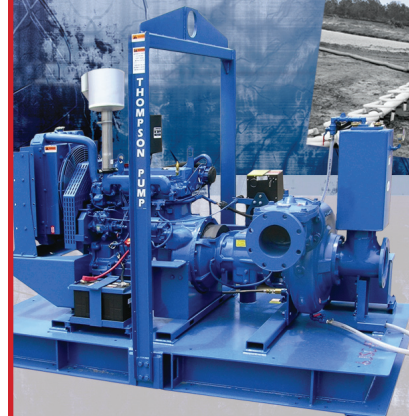
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UUCF is still accepting Platinum Sponsors for the 2012 Convention. To become a Platinum Sponsor, the cost is \$3,000.00. Platinum Sponsors are entitled to the following benefits:

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

- 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:

- **Glenn Rasmussen, P.A.**
- **HD Supply Waterworks**
- **Linder Industrial Machinery Company**
- **Pensacola Concrete Construction Co., Inc.**
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- **Utility Service Company, Inc.**

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- 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 2012 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.

- 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:

- Your company's name is added

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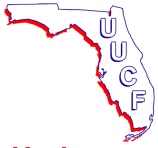
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2012 Annual Convention**

**The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes
Orlando, Florida
July 19-22, 2012**

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Pensacola Concrete Construction Co., Inc.
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 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.

If your company is interested in becoming a Platinum, Gold or Silver Sponsor of the UUCF Convention, please contact the UUCF office at

(407) 830-1880.

This year, UUCF will be holding Roundtable discussion(s), a Wiffle ball Tournament and an optional event for spouses. The committee has decided to hold "Contractor's Day" on Friday, July 20. Details regarding this event can be found on **Page 8** and the registration form can be found on **Page 10** in this issue of the *Ditchmen*.

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*.

On Friday, May 25, the UUCF Convention Registration Forms were e-mailed to the membership. Registration forms must be submitted to the UUCF office **on or before June 29, 2012** in order to receive the early discounted registration fee. Registration forms received on or after Saturday, June 30, 2012 will be at the higher registration fee. To obtain a copy of the registration forms, please [**click here**](#).

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UUCF to Hold Contractor's Day at 2012 Convention

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. – 12:00 noon:

Round table discussion, one speaker with one hour presentation and attendees mingle with vendors

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.: Lunch on own

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Round table discussion, one speaker with one hour presentation and attendees mingle with vendors

The cost to have a table top display at Contractor's Day is as follows:

Vendor with at least one individual fully registered for the convention and is a sponsor in one of the following levels:

- Platinum Sponsor – \$100.00
- Gold Sponsor – \$200.00
- Silver Sponsor – \$300.00

Vendor that does not have both an individual fully registered for the convention and is a sponsor in one of the above levels:

- \$500.00

Attendees:

There is no charge for individuals who are fully registered for the UUCF Convention 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 but are not fully registered to attend the UUCF Convention, the cost is \$25.00 per person.

To register, please complete the Registration Form on page 10 in this issue of the *Ditchmen* and return via fax, mail or e-mail **no later than June 29, 2012** to the UUCF office.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your current and/or new products/technologies displayed to owners of the underground utility contractor companies.

Welcome New Members May 25, 2012

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UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS OF FLORIDA

ANNUAL CONVENTION July 19 - 22, 2012



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- In-room iPod dock
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The UUCF room block is valid for reservations received on or before Friday, June 22, 2012.

All rooms are subject to applicable taxes. Group rate and availability for arrivals two days prior and departures two days after above group dates are on a space available basis only. Group rates may not be combined with any other special offer, package or discount. **When reservations are made, The Ritz-Carlton Orlando Grande Lakes will require a deposit of one night's room and tax by guest check or credit card to be charged upon reservation. An individual's deposit is refundable if the resort receives notice of cancellation five days prior to the scheduled arrival to avoid two nights room and tax penalty.** Rooms will be held under the UUCF room block until Friday, June 22, 2012. After this time, reservations will be accepted on a space available basis at prevailing hotel rates.

Reservations can be made by either the following:

- Call reservations at (888) 763-2960 (be sure to ask for the UUCF room block), or
- Go on-line to https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_gi_new&groupID=5753281.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880.





UNDERGROUND UTILITY CONTRACTORS OF FLORIDA

Contractor's Day 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: _____

☐ I would like to register for a table top display at Contractor's Day and attend the round table discussion:

☐ \$100.00 Platinum Sponsor ☐ \$200.00 Gold Sponsor ☐ \$300.00 Silver Sponsor ☐ \$500.00

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☐ I would like to register as an attendee for Contractor's Day (which includes the round table discussion):

Please register the following individuals for Contractor's Day and Round Table Discussion Attendee(s):

NAME: _____ NAME: _____
NAME: _____ NAME: _____

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

Payment Information for Vendors only:

☐ **Check** payable to Underground Utility Contractors of Florida or UUCF.

Mail along with a copy of registration form to UUCF/Registration, 231 West Bay Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750-4125.

☐ **Invoice** (Sent via e-mail)

☐ **Credit Card** (Complete form below in its entirety)

I authorize UUCF to charge my:

☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

in the amount of \$ _____ for the UUCF 2012

Convention Registration.

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Company Name on Card (if applicable): _____

Billing Address for Card: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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July 19-22, 2012

The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes

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

Complete the following: ☐ Check here if this is your first UUCF Convention

☐ Contractor ☐ Associate ☐ Affiliate ☐ Executive Director
☐ Press ☐ Other _____ Chapter Affiliation: _____

Spouse/Guest Registration (We would like to send a confirmation for your spouse/guest. Please complete the following:)

NAME: _____ NICKNAME FOR BADGE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ E-MAIL: _____

<u>Registration Fee:</u>	<u>On or before June 29</u>	<u>After June 29</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
	\$ 399.00 x _____	\$ 450.00 x _____	_____
TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE(S):			_____

Cancellation policy: A \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged for cancellations on or before June 29, 2012. After June 29, 2012, no refunds will be made for cancellations or no shows.

Payment Information:

☐ **Check** payable to Underground Utility Contractors of Florida or UUCF.
Mail along with a copy of registration form to UUCF/Registration, 231 West Bay Avenue, Longwood, FL 32750-4125.

☐ **Invoice** (Sent via e-mail)

☐ **Credit Card** (Complete form below in its entirety)

I authorize UUCF to charge my:

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in the amount of \$ _____ for the UUCF 2012

Convention Registration.

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Company Name on Card (if applicable): _____

Billing Address for Card: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Signature*: _____ Date: _____

* Your typed name in the "Signature" field will serve as your legal signature and authorizes UUCF to charge your credit card as indicated on this form.

Print Form

Submit by Email

Office Use:

Date Received: _____ Check #: _____ Amount: _____

Confirmed: _____ Registration #: _____





UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation Scholarship Application Available

The UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. (UUCF/ASJMSF) is pleased to announce that its scholarship application is now available. The scholarship application is available to any employee and/or their immediate family member (i.e., child, grandchild, etc.) who is employed by a company that is a member of UUCF. The applicant must be a senior graduating from high school who will be enrolling in an accredited two- or four-year college or university for the year beginning in August or September 2012 or an individual who is currently attending an undergraduate two- or four-year accredited college

or university for the year beginning in August or September 2012. The enrollment may be in a curriculum of any number of years but the scholarship will not exceed one year. (Applicants must be affiliated with a UUCF member in good standing with dues paid at the time of application. Out of state branches of member companies are not eligible.) Any company or individual who sponsors the UUCF/ASJMSF Annual Bass Tournament in the year the scholarship is being distributed may also apply.

The UUCF/ASJMSF was established in memory of the son of a Past President of UUCF, Scott J. Johnson (Johnson-

Davis, Inc.). On December 28, 1999, Andrew "Andy" Scott Johnson was killed in an automobile accident. Andy was 19 years of age. He was an honor student and a 1998 graduate of Pope John Paul II High School. He was a sophomore at Vanderbilt University. He loved the outdoors, all kinds of sports, especially Lacrosse, music and sport fishing. Andy was especially dedicated and loyal to his many friends and family.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the UUCF office at (407) 830-1880. If you would like to request a scholarship application, please [click here](#).

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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



Apathy – Can you feel it?

The definition of apathy: the lack of interest in or concern for things that others find moving or exciting.

Are you apathetic toward the construction industry, your trade associations, your employees, or even your family? Of course we all want the economy to recover faster than its current lethargic pace but I am sure apathy won't speed up the recovery. Apathy won't help your business grow or make your trade association more effective. I'm sure it won't make your family stronger either. I believe the answer lies within us individually and collectively. It's going to take some serious leadership from all of us.



Cheerleading is easy when you're way ahead but very hard when you're way behind. But it's most important when you're behind because if you don't inspire the team to work harder, play smarter and push through the adversity, you're going to lose. And when you lose, think about all of those who suffer. Apathy has never accomplished anything. Apathy is very contagious and needs to be inoculated.

Ok, hold on, I'm getting to the positive part.

A strong leader can kill apathy dead in its tracks with one thing; motivation.

Motivation comes from a purpose, an objective, and self fulfillment that when passed on to others will yield tremendous results personally and professionally. We all need motivation whether it's at the conference table, the boardroom table, or the kitchen table. In these tough times we need to find a way to motivate ourselves and others to spread the optimism that is desperately needed now. Motivation is not finite but rather perpetual and there is no better time than right now to motivate your associates, your employees, your family and yes . . . even yourself. Don't ever stop being motivated and don't stop being a motivator. Now go motivate. NOW!!!

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OSHA Kicks Off Summer Campaign to Prevent Heat-Related Illnesses and Fatalities Among Outdoor Workers

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has kicked off a national outreach initiative to educate workers and their employers about the hazards of working outdoors in hot weather. The outreach effort builds on last year's successful summer campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of too much sun and heat.

"For outdoor workers, 'water, rest and shade' are three words that can make the difference between life and death," Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis said. "If employers take reasonable precautions, and look out for their

workers, we can beat the heat."

Every year, thousands of workers across the country suffer from serious heat-related illnesses. If not quickly addressed, heat exhaustion can become heat stroke, which has killed – on average – more than 30 workers annually since 2003. Labor-intensive activities in hot weather can raise body temperatures beyond the level that normally can be cooled by sweating. Heat illness initially may manifest as heat rash or heat cramps, but quickly can become heat exhaustion and then heat stroke if simple prevention steps are not followed.

"It is essential for workers and employers to take proactive steps to stay safe in extreme heat, and become aware of symptoms of heat exhaustion before they get worse," said Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health. "Agriculture workers; building, road and other construction workers; utility workers; baggage handlers; roofers; landscapers; and others who work outside are all at risk. Drinking plenty of water and taking frequent breaks in cool, shaded areas are incredibly important in the hot summer months."

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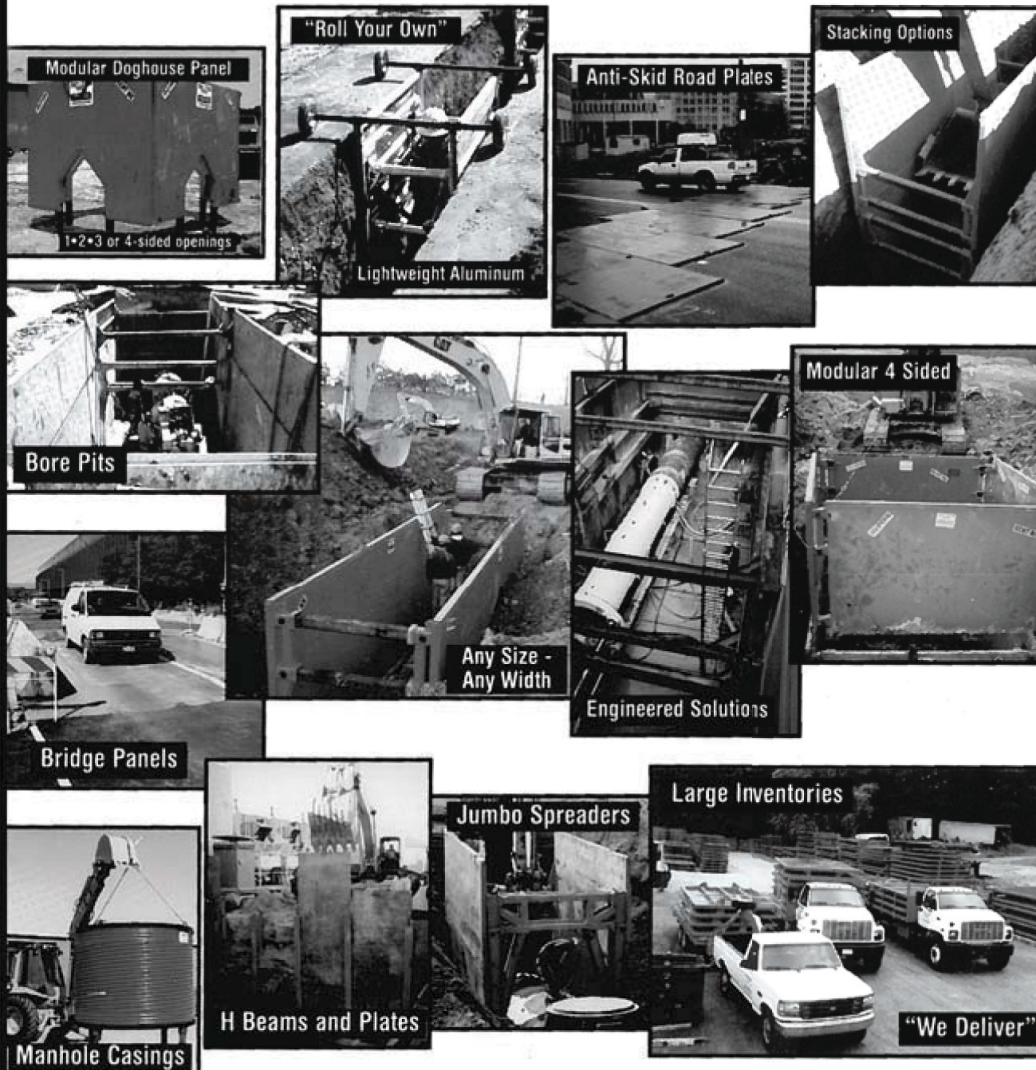
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- Contractor Responsibilities
- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

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

- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class dates and times for future sessions:

June 12, 2012

Orlando
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
State Office Building, Hurston Complex
400 West Robinson Street,
South Tower, Room 706
Orlando, FL 32801

June 13, 2012

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

June 14, 2012

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

June 19, 2012

Lantana
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Gold Coast Schools
6216 South Congress Avenue
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June 21, 2012

Tallahassee
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon EST
Southwood Complex, Betty Easley
Conference Center
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July 11, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
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July 12, 2012

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Workplace Safety
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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
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September 12, 2012

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

September 13, 2012


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

October 17, 2012

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EST
Workers' Compensation
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October 18, 2012

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Calendar of Events

UUCF

June 1.....Board of Director's Meeting, Orlando
 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

June 12.....Executive Committee Meeting
 June 21.....Safety Director' Forum
 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

June 14.....Board of Director's Meeting, Pensacola
 June 16.....Fishing Tournament, Pensacola Beach
 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

June 21.....Scholarship Awards Night
 July 19.....General Membership Meeting
 Aug. 16.....General Membership Meeting
 Sept. (TBA).....Fishing Tournament
 Oct. 25.....Trade Show
 Dec. (TBA).....Christmas Party

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June 7.....General Membership Meeting
 Apr. 5.....General Membership Meeting
 July 12.....General Membership Meeting
 Aug. 2.....General Membership Meeting
 Sept. 6.....General Membership Meeting
 Sept. 20.....Fish Fry, Largo Central Park
 Oct. 4.....General Membership Meeting
 Nov. 2.....Clay Shoot, Tampa Bay Sporting Clays

Dec. 29.....General Membership Meeting
 Dec. 1.....Banquet, Tampa Club

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

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,
 DeBary Call Center

Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) Meetings

June 13-15.....Four Seasons Palm Beach
 Palm Beach
 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

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November 14, 2012

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

November 15, 2012

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

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Free Classes
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December 12, 2012

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

December 13, 2012

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

The Division of Workers' Compensation is an authorized provider (Provider Number: 0004354) for continuing education purposes through the CILB. Course Number: 0010118 – one hour satisfies the workers' compensation requirement and Course Number: 0010630 – one hour satisfies the workplace safety requirement.

The form is available on the Division's website at www.myfloridacfo.com/WC. For additional information, e-mail bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com, or call (813) 221-6518.

NLRB Poster Requirement Update

Employee Rights
Under the National Labor Relations Act

The National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) guarantees the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively with their employers, and to engage in other protected concerted activity or to refrain from engaging in any of the above activity. Employees covered by the NLRA are protected from certain types of employer and union misconduct. This Notice gives you general information about your rights, and about the obligations of employers and unions under the NLRA. Contact the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the Federal agency that investigates and enforces compliance under the NLRA, using the contact information supplied below. If you have any questions about specific rights that may apply in your particular workplace.

Under the NLRA, you have the right to:

- Organize a union to negotiate with your employer concerning your wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- Join, join or assist a union.
- Bargain collectively through representatives of employees (such as choosing to be represented by a union) concerning your wages, hours, and other working conditions.
- Choose your representatives and other terms and conditions of employment or union organizing with your co-workers or a union.
- Take action with or without a union to improve your working conditions, including other matters, raising work-related complaints directly with your employer or with a government agency, and seeking help from a union.
- Strike and picket, depending on the purpose or goals of the strike or the picketing.
- Choose not to do any of these activities, including joining or remaining a member of a union.

Under the NLRA, it is illegal for your employer to:

- Prevent you from talking about or acting in a union during non-work time, such as before or after work or during break times, or from distributing union literature during non-work time, in non-work areas, such as parking lots or break rooms.
- Question you about your union support or activities in a manner that discourages you from engaging in that activity.
- Fire, demote, or transfer you, or reduce your hours or change your shift, or otherwise take adverse action against you, or threaten to take any of these actions, because you join or support a union, or because you engage in concerted activity for mutual aid and protection, or because you choose not to engage in any such activity.
- Threaten to take any workplace action unless you agree to represent them.
- Prevent or give penalties, pay raises, or other benefits to discourage or encourage union support.
- Prevent you from wearing union hats, buttons, t-shirts, and pins in the workplace except under special circumstances.
- Sign or authorize another person to sign a contract that purports to represent you.

Under the NLRA, it is illegal for a union or for the employer to:

- Threaten or coerce you to join or to support the union.
- Refuse to process a grievance because you are not a member of the union.
- Use or maintain discriminatory standards or procedures in making job decisions based on a hiring hall.
- Coerce or attempt to coerce an employer to discriminate against you because of your union-related activity.
- Take adverse action against you because you have not joined or do not support the union.

If you and your co-workers select a union to act as your bargaining representative, your employer and the union are required to bargain in good faith in a genuine effort to reach a written, binding agreement setting your terms and conditions of employment. This union is required to fairly represent you in bargaining and enforcing the agreement.

Unlawful conduct will not be permitted. If you believe your rights or the rights of others have been violated, you should contact the NLRB promptly to protect your rights, generally within six months of the unlawful activity. You may request that possible violations against your employer or anyone else be referred to the inquiry. Charges may be filed by any person and need not be filed by the employee directly affected by the violation. The NLRB may order an employer to take a written finding of violation of the law and to pay lost wages and benefits, and may order an employer or union to make other changes to the law. Employees should seek assistance from the nearest regional NLRB office, which can be found on the Agency's Web site <http://www.nlr.gov>.

You can also contact the NLRB by calling toll-free 1-866-667-NLRB (8672) or (TTY) 1-866-215-NLRB (1-866-215-6372) for hearing impaired.

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In last month's issue of the *Ditchmen*, we reported that the new poster that was going to be required by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) was postponed until April 30, 2012. The NLRB is an agency of the federal government that oversees employees' rights to form unions in the workplace. This poster advises employees of their right to unionize.

A court in Washington, D.C. has temporarily stopped the NLRB from requiring this new poster, so the new poster requirement will not take effect until this court decision is resolved. Until we receive further notice, you do not have to post this poster.

Sunshine 811 2012 Holiday Calendar

Independence Day	07/04/12
Labor Day	09/03/12
Thanksgiving Day	11/22/12
Day after Thanksgiving Day	11/23/12
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Christmas Day	02/25/12

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October 31
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March 27
April 24
May 22
June 19





Chapter News

NUCA of North Florida

Thank you to everyone who came out for our golf tournament on March 26. The weather was picture perfect. We had a total of 116 golfers play in the tournament. Nine Vendor Show Case participants treated the players to beer on the course and gave away various items. We are grateful to our golf co-chairs, Mike and Jon Woodall, our helpers, Kim Bryan and Ashley Adams, and our M.C. Ryan Schmitt. This event would not have been possible without the support of our vendor showcase participants, event sponsors, and tee/green sponsors.

Vendor Showcase Participants:

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Applications are now being accepted for the Mike Allen Scholarship from any High School Senior, High School graduate, Undergraduate College Student or Graduate Student who is the daughter or son of a NUCANF member company employee, and

will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education, beginning in August/September. The enrollment may be in any curriculum for any number of years. This may be a four-year college or a community college anywhere in the United States. The Mike Allen Scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time award. Special consideration will be given for those pursuing degrees in construction related field. Call the NUCA of North Florida office at (904) 296-1230 to request an application. Application deadline is Monday, June 11.

On May 17, we will be heading to the Baseball grounds of Jacksonville to see the Jacksonville Suns take on the Pensacola Blue Wahoos. The cost is \$22 per person and includes an all you can eat buffet and your ticket for the game.

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 Seamount 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 members' 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.

NUCA of Northwest Florida

NUCA of Northwest Florida will hold our First Annual Inshore Fishing Tournament on June 16. It will be held at Sabine Marina on Pensacola Beach. Our category of fish will be Trout, Red Fish, Sheepshead, Flounder, Bay Red Snapper and a "Trashcan Slam." This event will be opened to the public. If you are interested in joining us, please contact the NUCA of Northwest Florida office.

We are looking forward to having many of our local members participate in this year's convention at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes. We have had several members attend the past conventions. They leave there with knowledge they have acquired while attending, as well as new business contacts and friends. It is a great time to relax and have fun, but most importantly to support our association.

NUCA of Northwest Florida would like to say congratulations to our chapter's nominees for the UUCF Construction Performance Awards for 2012. They are Gabe Jackson with Brown Construction of NW Florida, Inc. and Chris Dixon with Coastal Machinery Company. Both of these men are deserving of this award and have been a huge asset to our chapter. Good luck to both of them.

We would like to thank our current 2012 Sponsors: Brown Construction Company, Ford Meter Box, Kelson Electric Company and Southeastern Pipe.





SUCA

It is with great sadness we inform you of the passing of Mr. Roy J. Woodruff of Woodruff & Sons. Mr. Woodruff passed away peacefully on Monday, May 1, 2012 with his wife, Delores and children by his side. A viewing was held on Friday, May 4 at Brown & Sons Funeral Home, and funeral services were held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at West Bradenton Baptist Church in Bradenton. The cemetery proceedings immediately followed the service.

Roy Woodruff grew up during the depression in Michigan City, Indiana. He quit school at the age of 16 to help his father provide for their family of 14. Roy was a World War II Army veteran who served in Japan. He saved his Army pay and used it to buy his first bulldozer when he was discharged in 1946. Woodruff & Sons at that time did mostly grading, excavating and trucking work. The company became incorporated in the State of Indiana in 1961.

Roy and his wife Delores vacationed in Florida each winter with their children and in 1973, decided to move the family to Florida and open a southern division. Woodruff & Sons' first job in Florida was in Plant City followed by a second job installing sewers on Anna Maria Island. The Woodruff's decided to settle permanently in the Bradenton area. Roy took pride in being a "Family Owned and Operated American Business."

Roy truly lived his dream, from only completing the 10th grade to being a well respected, successful businessman for 65 years. Roy took great pride in his business and it has shown through Woodruff and Sons' excellent reputation in the communities where they work. He was an honest businessman, who would still do business on a handshake. Woodruff & Sons was one of SUCA's charter members. In 1997, Roy was inducted into the prestigious SUCA Hall of Fame. Roy will truly be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

SUCA's May 3 Membership Meeting will be held at Hunter's Green Country Club, 18101 Longwater Run Drive in Tampa. Representative Shawn Harrison, Candidate for Florida House of Representatives for District 60, will be our guest speaker for the evening. Mr. Harrison represented the people of North Tampa on the Tampa City Council for eight years prior to being elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2010. He is currently an attorney with the Tampa firm of Wetherington, Hamilton & Harrison, P.A. where he practices exclusively in the area of commercial litigation and health care law.

SUCA's Sawyer Memorial Spring Scholarship Golf Tournament will take place on Friday, May 4 at Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club in Wesley Chapel. The cost remains at \$90.00 per person with survival packs available to purchase for \$20.00 each. The registration fee includes a nice tee prize for all players at check-in, cart, greens fee, range balls, beverages on



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the course, breakfast, barbecue lunch, awards and contest prizes. If you are not golfing and wish to join us for lunch and the awards ceremony, the cost is \$25.00 per person. We are grateful to the following companies who have pledged their sponsorship to this event: **Beverage Sponsor** – Flagler Construction Equipment.

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SUCA members are preparing to travel to Washington, D.C. for the NUCA Summit and to visit our lawmakers on Capitol Hill. SUCA Chairman Ken Wachman of MWI Pump, Tim Smith of Dallas 1 Construction & Development and SUCA Executive Director Misty McKendree will meet with NUCA members from across the country at this event. Our legislative priorities are the immediate need for PAB legislation (H.R. 1802/S. 939) and passage of the surface transportation (highway) bill (S. 1813/H.R. 4348). This is an exciting trip and all members are welcome. You don't have to be a lobbyist to attend, just someone interested in the process of how your business is regulated.

SUCA Scholarship applications were mailed out to member firms in March. The \$4,000 scholarship is offered to the children of SUCA members who are seniors in high school this year and will be attending college in the fall. The scholarship is \$4,000.00 paid at \$1,000.00 per year for four years. Deadline for applications is May 15. Scholarship Night will again be held at

the beautiful Columbia Restaurant in historic Ybor City on Thursday, July 12. In addition to SUCA's scholarship, UUCF and NUCA have programs available to members as well.

Mark your calendars now for SUCA's 17th Annual Fish Fry which will be held 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 out to each member firm in late August. Unwanted tickets should be mailed back to the SUCA office to avoid charges.

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In preparation for the summer season, OSHA has developed heat illness educational materials in English and Spanish, as well as a curriculum to be used for workplace training. Additionally, a Web page provides information and resources on heat illness – including how to prevent it and what to do in case of an emergency – for workers and employers. The page is available at <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/heatillness/index.html>.

OSHA also has released a free application for mobile devices that enables workers and supervisors to monitor the heat index at their work sites. The app displays a risk level for workers based on the heat index, as well as reminders about protective measures that should be taken at that risk level. Available for Android-based platforms and the iPhone, the app can be downloaded in both English and

Spanish by visiting <http://s.dol.gov/RI>.

In developing last year's inaugural national campaign, federal OSHA worked closely with the California Occupational Safety and Health Administration and adapted materials from that state's successful campaign. Additionally, OSHA is partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the second year to incorporate worker safety precautions when heat alerts are issued across the nation. NOAA also will include pertinent worker safety information on its heat watch Web page at <http://www.noaa.gov/themes/heat.php>.

Public Bid Openings Update

On May 4, 2012, Governor Scott signed into law HB 897, **Chapter Law 2012-211**. For the most

part, the bill, an act relating to construction contracting, clarifies the responsibility of all parties as it relates to construction liens and bonds.

For UUCF members, there is one very important provision unrelated to construction liens and bonds. Section 3 requires governmental entities to announce at the public meeting the name of each bidder and the price submitted and to make the name and price information available upon request. Under s. 119.071(1)(b), F.S., sealed bids are exempt from disclosure requirements under public records laws until "the agency provides notice of an intended decision or until 30 days after opening the bids . . . , whichever is earlier." As a result of the public records exemption, the components of a sealed bid, other than a bidder's name and price submitted, are likely to remain exempt from disclosure until the agency provides notice of an intended decision or for 30 days after the meeting at which the bids are opened, whichever is earlier.

This provision took effect on May 4, 2012.



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