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President's Message



April just concluded Earth Day and several variations of volunteer recognition days, proclamations.... that never make it on Hallmark cards, because this is a heck of a business we're in together. We produce a product that is essential to life itself, deliver it to the homes and businesses of everyone in our respective communities, take the

waste product away, all for a ridiculously low price and without ever even knocking on the door of our customers to let them know we've delivered their order.

Our product, and our system of delivery and recovery, is one of the major reasons that our citizens enjoy a quality of life unparalleled in other parts of the world or in history. We do all this quietly and behind the scenes, with no fanfare and often with no thanks. The only time we make the news is when something goes wrong, so we very seldom make the news. Our customers take us and our service for granted, our clients (usually city and county elected officials) would prefer never to hear from us or of us, and certainly don't want to know where we work nor desire to visit our workplaces.

> Why do we do this? Because we are Utility Contractors!

Yes we do it for the money (sometimes I wonder after seeing bid results), to support our employees and our families, but we also do it to serve our community, protect our environment, and to do our part to save the world. In spite of the fact that we operate in relative obscurity, we can find comfort, and in fact great satisfaction, in knowing that we are doing the right thing. We constantly strive to do an even better job than we did yesterday, or last week, or last year, and as a result our product and our environment achieve higher and higher standards in the face of ever-changing challenges. As our population grows, accompanied by growth in business and industry, the demands on our systems grow at least proportionately.

As a member of NUCA of Florida, you go a step beyond just doing your job. Through your attendance and networking at our conferences and meetings, your participation in our committees, your participation in our lobbying efforts, exhibiting your products and services, your service on the Board of Directors or as an officer of one of our Chapters, your support of your employees to allow them to participate...whatever your level of involvement may be...you contribute to the betterment of our entire profession, and all of the people of Florida ultimately benefit. Our organization is the best of its kind, thanks to the wonderful spirit of volunteerism that permeates through this entire association.

We have numerous awards to recognize the Association's leaders for their contributions, but many of those who silently serve our profession and NUCA of Florida never get the recognition they deserve. Certainly, the hard work and support of our Board Members, Committee Chairs, and other organiza-

tional leaders are invaluable to our efforts as an association to serve our membership and Florida as a whole, and we are especially appreciative to you for your work and support in these areas. Just as important, though, is the support and active participation of our 281 members who contribute to our success by making presentations at conferences, participating in committee activities, attending conferences and workshops, and sharing their knowledge and insights in any number of other ways. As a valued member of our association, I want you to know that your personal volunteer efforts and support, at whatever level you are able to participate, are critical to our continued success.

I also celebrate you for your contribution to protecting Florida's precious water resources and providing safe drinking water to a thirsty public that often takes your efforts for granted. And I will continue to celebrate and thank you for your active participation in the work of the NUCA of Florida. Thank you for all you do for NUCA, our profession, the environment, and the people you serve.

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we aive.

Winston Churchill

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

Dr. Seuss in "The Lorax"

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead, anthropologist

In proportion, as one renders service he becomes great. Booker T. Washington

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do. Edmund Everett Hale

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April 21	Board of Directors Meeting Joe's Crab Shack, Orlando
April 25	Spring Golf Tournament Duran Golf Club, Viera, FL
May 15	Board of Directors Meeting
May 30	Auction & Barbecue Brevard Zoo, Melbourne
June 19	Board of Directors Meeting
July 24	Board of Directors Meeting
August 1-3	Friends & Family Weekend Vero Beach & Spa
August 21	Board of Directors Meeting
September 18	Board of Directors Meeting
September 26	Fall Golf Tournament
October 23	Board of Directors Meeting
November 20	Board of Directors Meeting
December 5	NUCA Central Florida Christmas Party

SUCA Calendar of Events

May 1	SUCA Membership Meeting & Live Auction Summerfield Crossings, Riverview
May 2	Annual Golf Tournament Summerfield Crossings, Riverview
June 7	Beach Day BBQ
June 12	SUCA Membership Meeting 7 Scholarship Night The Columbian Restaurant, Ybor City
August 7	SUCA Tradeshow DoubleTree Hotel, Tampa

September 19SUCA Fish Fry
Al Lopez Park, Tampa

November 1 SUCA Clay Shoot

Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, Land O Lakes

December 5

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April 10	Monthly Board Meeting Franco's
May 8	Montly Board Meeting Franco's
May (TBA)	General Membership Meeting/Training
June 12	Montly Board Meeting Franco's
July 10	Montly Board Meeting Franco's
July 26	Annual Fishing Tournament
August 14	Montly Board Meeting Franco's
September (TBA)	General Membership Meeting/Training
September 11	Montly Board Meeting Franco's
October 9	Montly Board Meeting Franco's
November 13	Montly Board Meeting Franco's



NUCA of North Florida Calendar of Events

May 29Board of Directors Meeting
Night at Jacksonville SunsJune 10Executive Committee MeetingJuly 8Executive Committee MeetingJuly 24Board of Directors Meeting
Scholarship Night

UCA of South Florida Calendar of Events

April 9	UCA Board of Directors Meeting UCA Office, Coconut Creek
June 5-8	Annual Dolphin Fishing Tournament Ocean Reef Club, Key Largo



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NUCA of Florida is pleased to announce that Friday, July 18, 2014, is officially Contractor's Day at the 2014 Contractors Dynasty Conference scheduled for July 17–20, 2014. Vendors whom are members of NUCA of Florida may have a tabletop display in the same room as the break-out educational sessions and industry guest speakers. The tabletop displays will give attendees the opportunity to speak with vendor representatives about their products and technologies. NUCA of Florida recommends that the regional manager for the vendor be present. Vendors who purchase tabletop displays will also be allowed to participate in the round table discussions and hear the industry speakers. Vendors will be provided a clothed, 6' table for their displays.

Contractor's Day Tabletop Display Opportunities. Vendors with at least one individual registered for the Contractors Dynasty Conference **and** a sponsorship at one of the following levels.

- > "Duck Commander" \$5000 Sponsor—Complimentary
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The Conference Committee is diligently working to secure industry experts knowledgeable about an array of "hot topics" that impact the underground utility contractors industry. Stay tuned for more details!



NUCA of Florida 2014 Annual Conference Registration July 17- 20, 2014 Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld

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I will attend the following events:		
<u>Thursday, July 17, 2014</u>	<u>Friday, July 18, 2014</u>	<u>Saturday, July 19, 2014</u>
 Board of Directors Meeting Board Members Only Cocktail Reception 	□ Dinner	Dinner
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*If you have special dietary restrictions or allergies, please contact Sydney at (850) 727-0628 or sphillips@wilsonmgmt.com.



NUCA of Florida Contractor's Day Vendor Registration Form 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 18, 2014

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Pho	one: Fax:
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	ould like to register for a tabletop display at Contractor's Day and attend the breakout sessions. Fees ow include two individuals from the company to man the table and participate in Contractor's Day.
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Ple	ase register the following individuals to man the tabletop and attend Contractor's Day:
Na	me: Name:
NÜ	ou would like to have additional people attend from your company that are not fully registered for the CA of Florida Conference, the cost is \$25.00 per person for the members of NUCA of Florida and 0.00 per person for non-members of NUCA of Florida.
Pay	vment Information for Vendors Only:
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Additional information and schedules will be available at a later date.



Performance Awards Nominee Entry Form

Our chapter wishes to submit a candidate for the following award:

D NUCA of Florida's 18th Annual Mitch Ellington Award

• This award will be presented to a contractor member or employee of a member who has made a significant contribution, on the local and/or state level, to the industry and/or association.

D NUCA of Florida's 18th Annual Gary D. Sawyer Award

• This award will be presented to a associate member or employee of a member who has made a significant contribution, on the local and/or state level, to the industry and/or association.

D NUCA of Florida's 18th Annual Andrew J. Matys Award

• This award will be presented annually to a NUCA of Florida board member who has made a significant contribution, on the local and/or state level, to the industry and/or association.

Name of Nominee:				
	First	Middle	Last	
Mailing Address:				
Phone Number:		Fax Number:		
Business Affiliation and Pos	sition:			
Chapter making recommen	dation:			
Is this individual a board m	ember of your cł	napter? 🗆 Yes	□ No	
Does this individual serve of	on any committee	es of your chapter?	□ Yes □ No	
If yes, list each committee a	and how long this	s individual has served on	the committee(s):	
Is the individual a chairper	son of the above	committee(s)? 🛛 Ye	s 🗆 No	
If yes, which committee(s)?				
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Please submit application and any other materials by June 1, 2014.

NUCANF News

We had an absolutely spectacular day for our annual golf tournament on April 1st at St. Johns Golf & Country club. The day began with registration, putting contest and lunch before our shotgun start. We had a few great challenge events on this year's tournament including corn hole toss where your team where could move ahead to the next tee box, Skirts for Steaks where if your team wore a skirt you could hit from the ladies tee box, and Daytona Speed Challenge where the team to finish the hole the guickest would win tickets to a race at Daytona. We had a four hole-in-one challenges as well as a variety of proximity games. After the tournament, we had a wonderful Italian buffet dinner, awards ceremony, and distributed door prizes. Our first place team from John Woody, Inc. was Rick Roark, Jon Woodall, Steven Elliot and Mark Young, second place team from Linder Industrial Machinery was Chris Cantiello, David Peacock, Brandon Parks and Darius Prentice, third place team, Marty Adams, Ryan Pugh, Josh Hunt and Darren Campbell. Our putting contest winner was Ken Purcell, Longest drive hole #2, Mark Young, Longest Drive hole #16, Chris Cantiello, Closest to the Pin hole # 13 Buddy Heldreth, Longest Putt hole #15, Bill Byrer, closest to the Pin hole # 5 Buddy Heldreth, and Daytona Speed Challenge winners were the team from American Cast Iron Pipe, Scott Turnquist, Christopher Jarrett, Rick Ratcliff and

Rob Pinkston.

We are heading to the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville on Thursday, May 29th to see the Jacksonville Suns take on the Montgomery Biscuits. Join us for a 75 MVP BBQ dinner in the Palm Tree Pavilion located on the third base line. Cost is \$26 per person and includes chicken, ribs, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw and soft drinks plus a reserved seat and a Free Suns cap. Call the NUCANF office at (904) 296-1230 to RSVP.

Applications are now available for our two scholarships, The J. Richard Baker Sr. Scholarship and the Mike Allen Scholarship. The J. Richard Baker Scholarship is a \$2,000 one-time award to a high school student or high school graduate 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 this summer/fall. The Mike Allen Scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time award for a high school Sr., High School graduate, Undergraduate College Student or Graduate Student who is the daughter or son of a NUCANF member company employee, who is enrolled or will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education, beginning this summer/fall. Application deadline is June 1st.



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DBPR Sting Nets Unlicensed Contractor Activity

A joint operation between the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) and the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office resulted in the arrests of 14 individuals for falsely identifying themselves as a contractor and one for possession of cannabis. The two-week operation, titled: "Piece of Cake" targeted unlicensed contractors working as well as soliciting business in St. Johns County. The individuals were provided by the St. Johns County Building Department and the DBPR through complaints of unsatisfactory/ unlicensed work and various media advertisements soliciting work.

The operation began last week at an unidentified home off S.R. 16 that needed various repairs. Appointments were scheduled with the suspects who then met with undercover operatives at the home and were then asked to provide an estimate for the repairs. The 14 suspects returned bids by the end of last week and were given appointments to begin the projects this week. When the suspects showed up for work, arrest teams inside the home secured and arrested them yesterday (Monday) and today (Tuesday).

According to the DBPR, unlicensed activity occurs when an individual offers to perform or performs services that require a state license and the individual does not hold the required license. Florida law sets specific rules and guidelines for obtaining professional licensure, and the people who have met these requirements are held to professional standards. Consumers can verify professional licenses with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation online at www.myfloridalicense.com, by calling (850) 487-1395, or by downloading the free DBPR Mobile app through iTunes or the Google Play store.

Unlicensed activity is illegal and can result in misdemeanor or felony charges if an individual is convicted. Floridians are asked to report any suspected unlicensed activity by email at: ULA@ dbpr.state.fl.us, or calling the unlicensed Activity Hotline at 1-(866) 532-1440.

Those arrested were identified as:

- Thomas Walter Haller, 52, 346 Lobelia Rd., St. Augustine. Charged with a felony count of falsely identifying self as a contractor for a second time. He was convicted for the same thing in 2009.
- Andrew A Atwell, 53, 8862 Camshire Dr., Jacksonville. Charged with falsely identifying self as a contractor, possession of less than 20 grams of cannabis and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Christopher Leigh Davis, 45, 2001 Hodges Blvd. 1624, Jacksonville. Charged with falsely identifying self as contractor and carrying a concealed weapon without a permit.
- Stephen E. Brown, 47, 32-A Louisburg La., Palm Coast. Charged with falsely identifying self as a contractor.
- Danny Edward Smith, 58, 234 W. New England Dr., Elkton. Charged with falsely identifying self as a contractor.
- William Arthur Phillips Jr., 58, 406 Scrub Jay Dr., St. Augustine. Charged with falsely identifying self as a contractor.
- Daniel J.L. Underwood, 38, 3121 Banister Rd., St. Augustine. Charged with falsely identifying self as a contractor.
- Clayton Eugene Acosta, 62, 6000 C.R. 208, St. Augustine.

Charged with falsely identifying self as a contractor.

- Gregory Shane Gallarde, 53, 2662 Westport Dr., Green Cove Springs. Charged with falsely identifying self as a contractor.
- Joshua Hundley Patterson, 39, 14435 N. Aqua Vista Rd., Jacksonville. Charged with falsely identifying self as a contractor, possession of prescription medication without a prescription and possession of drug paraphernalia.
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The Foundation is funded with proceeds from its Annual Fishing Tournament.

You can print the forms from the next few pages, or get them online here.

CurrentUndergrad

(or print pages 21-25)

High School

(or print pages 27-31)

NUCA of Florida/ANDREW SCOTT JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Undergraduate	College	Student
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Name of Applicant (Please Print):				
rr	First	Middle	Last	
Street Address:				
City, State, Zip:				
Home Telephone: ()				
NUCA of Florida Member Firm:				
Mother's Full Name:		Marital Status:		
Employer:		Position:		
Father's Full Name:				
Employer:		Position:		
		ΓΙΟΝ CHECK LIST-		
 Completed Academic Information Completed Extra Curricular Information Essay attached (500 words or Current College Transcript (Song Letter of Recommendation free 	nformation less) igned by Stud	,		
Applicant's Signature:		Date:		
I approve of the submission of this ap	plication.			
Signature of Guidance Counselor or F	aculty Membe	er:		

GENER	AL INFORMATION	
Name and Address of High School:		
Year of Graduation:		
Name and Address of College (If currently attended	ng):	
Intended school year for scholarship use (Check o		
□ Freshman □ Junior □ Sophomore □ Senior		
College for which this scholarship is to be used:		
Have you been accepted? Yes No		
Estimated yearly educational cost:	Tuition:	\$
	Books:	\$
	Room/Board:	\$
	Total:	\$
Financial assistance received:	Financial Aid:	\$
	Grants:	\$
	Other Scholarships	\$
	Total:	\$
Intended course of study:		
Intended career plans:		
Declared Major (For current college students):		
Optional: Financial responsible parent annual family income	e:	

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Academic Honors received	d (awards, prizes or distinction	s). Please include applicable year records:
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<u>ESSAY</u> (500 words or less) (Provide as an attachment)

SUBJECT: When your generation looks for work, what will you want from potential employers? How is this different from earlier generations?

AUTHORIZATION

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Signature of Applicant

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City, State, Zip:			
Home Telephone: ()	Da	te of Birth:	
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Applicant's Signature:		Date:	
I approve of the submission of this app	lication.		
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Signature of Guidance Counselor or Fa	culty Member:		
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Name and Address of High School:		
Year of Graduation:		
Name and Address of College (If currently att	rending):	
Intended school year for scholarship use (Che	ck one):	
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	Room/Board:	\$
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	Grants:	\$
	Other Scholarships	\$
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SUCA 2014 Scholarship Application (PDF) SUCA 2014 Scholarship Application (DOC)

In addition to our SUCA Scholarship please check out the additional Scholarships offered at our State and National Level!

NUCA 2014 Scholarship Application NUCA of Florida 2014 Scholarship Application for Seniors NUCA of Florida 2014 Scholarship Application for Undergrads

Please promote this Scholarship Opportunity along with the NUCA of Florida and NUCA Scholarships to your employees as this is a very valuable membership benefit! If you should have any questions please feel free to contact Theresa Mannix at 727-600-7158.

Sincerely, Theresa Mannix Executive Director





Q: We understand you have been around for awhile, that being the case what was the first construction project you were on?

Van Valin: I helped to build Noah's Ark

Q: If that is true, how did you survive the flood?

Van Valin: I disguised myself as a Dodo Bird and that's why they are extinct now.

Q: Well if you were on the Ark can you tell us where it ended up, as people have been searching for it all over the world.

Van Valin: They will not find it as it fell apart. It was build by union workers and only had a 40 day guarantee. Noah didn't opt for the service agreement.

Q: Seriously...what are some things

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we do not know about you?

Van Valin: I graduated with a BSCE from Manhattan College in NYC.

Q: What was your first project after graduating?

Van Valin: I worked for the NYC Board of Water Supply. I was part of the inspection team overseeing the Construction of City Tunnel No. 3. The project entailed the construction of approximately 15 miles of a finished 24' diameter water tunnel. The depth of the tunnel ranged from about 900' to 400'.

Q: What brought you to Florida?

Van Valin: Given the choice of rooting for a team called the "Jaspers" or rooting for a team called the "Gators" where would you prefer to live? Seriously, my father had retired to Florida with all my younger siblings. At the urging of my family I joined them a few years later.

Q: What one thing would you like to see SUCA accomplish in the next year?

Van Valin: Recognizing the efforts of Wayne Jensen, our Chairman David Wirth and the wisdom of my Safety Manager, Fred Sumner, I would like to see SUCA bring about real change when it comes to the procedures of marking existing utilities. A standardized method with specific spacing of marking should be required to be followed by all. In addition, Florida

Should modify the width tolerance from 48" to 36", as a number of states already have enacted. We as a group working with the Excavation Task Force need to bring about this reform.

Q: What is your favorite Charity?

Van Valin: When I was 25 my sister who was 19 was stricken with Leukemia. She was treated at Sloan Kettering. Up until that time I never realized how many children are stricken by disease. I am partial to donating to groups that are looking for means to cure and treat this disease.

Q: Is there anything else we should know about you?

Van Valin: I am what I am what I am.

What Should Your Overhead Mark-Up Include?

To make more money, should your job costs be as high as possible and your overhead be as low as possible?

Many contractors don't know their exact job costs, equipment costs, overhead budget and how much profit they should make. Without an understanding of your numbers, working hard in a financial vacuum keeps you busy and broke instead of productive and profitable.

In order to bid projects successfully, you first need to know what it takes to cover your annual overhead. When I ask contractors what their yearly overhead is, they often answer 10% or 15%. Overhead is not a percentage of costs or sales. You don't pay your staff as a percentage of the jobs you bring in, do you? Therefore, your overhead is a fixed amount of money covering every expense it takes for your company to stay open and do business during the year without any jobs under construction.

Job charge or overhead expense?

A common problem occurs when companies don't properly job charge field costs to their respective jobs. When you don't setup separate job accounts for every job, you can't go back to see if you are bidding the right unit prices for your work or know if you made money on each job. Also when all your equipment is paid for out of your overhead budget, you don't know if owning equipment makes you any money either. And even worse, when field employees are not charged to individual jobs, you never know what it really takes to build a project or if you're making a profit.

When you bid work, your field labor rates include employee burden costs, taxes and insurance. For example, a worker who earns \$20 per hour with a 50% burden expense is bid out at \$30 per hour. When all burden costs are paid as part of your overhead costs, your job cost accounting doesn't give you a clear picture of how well your job did upon completion. The same is true with your field equipment. Even though you may bid out equipment at fair market rates, company owners often don't know what their equipment really costs to own. And to make matters worse, some contractors don't charge jobs for the use of their equipment which makes it impossible to know if you are really making or losing money on projects.

Track your job costs!

To make more money, you must track and keep updated accurate job costs. At the completion of each project, you must be able to review results to see if your bid was accurate and made any money. Therefore, job costs must include every expense it takes to build projects including project management, supervision, labor burden, equipment, and insurance. Without jobs under construction, you won't spend money on these items and therefore these must be a part of your job costs. When you job charge every field expense to jobs and remove them from your overhead costs, your overhead will be accurate and as low as possible. This will also make your job costs, field labor rates, and equipment rates higher and more accurate. This strategy will pay off when performing extra work at higher rates and sign contracts that limit mark-up allowed for additional items, change orders, and cost-plus work. Also as a general contractor, contract awards are often made based on fee and general conditions costs. A lower mark-up is easier to sell than lower field rates.

Overhead must include your annual costs for management and administrative expenses; salaries and burden/ fringes for the president (not profit distribution), management team, office staff, sales, estimating, and accounting; office and shop expenses, office supplies, computers, internet, and office phones; vehicles for officers and management personnel; marketing, sales and advertising; personal development, associations, and training; interest and banking; professional services, legal, CPA, and business coaching; service, closed job and warranty work; contributions, miscellaneous, taxes and depreciation.

<u>Overhead also must include</u> business insurance to keep your company operating (but not liability insurance to build or run jobs); administrative employee labor burden and taxes, worker compensation insurance, health insurance, and fringes for management and office staff only who do not work on jobs under construction; field employee labor and their burden costs who are not working on the jobs under construction during slow times or downtime; and field vehicles and field equipment expenses, gas, and maintenance when they are not working on the jobs during downtime or slow times.

Overhead must NOT include items that are used to build projects in the field and should be included in your bid estimate and charged to job costs including: project manager, superintendent, foremen, field crews and all of the field labor burden expenses and insurance costs; all field vehicles, field equipment expenses and small tools used in the construction of projects; and liability insurance premiums based on job expenses and costs. To keep your overhead markup low, do not include any of these costs in your overhead costs or budget.

General conditions costs include field expenses required to manage, supervise, coordinate and run your projects. These costs should not be included in your overhead or mark-up rate. When you bid on projects, setup a standard template for general conditions (or mobilization). As outlined above, include field costs in your general conditions project budget for every administrative cost including: project management, supervision, vehicles for project manager and superintendent, onsite temporary facilities and utilities, temporary protection, clean-up, mobilization, testing, permits, meters, engineering, liability insurance, and performance bond.

Setup your finances the same way as you bid, estimate, and build projects and your accounting will start to make sense to you. When you co-mingle your costs, it's impossible to know when or if you're making money. Keep it simple. Your job costs and annual overhead budget must match how you do business in order for you to understand your costs. To receive a sample construction company annual overhead budget / income statement and general conditions template, email gh@hardhatpresentations.com.

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It is time for our Annual Auction & Barbecue! This year we will be holding this family-friendly event at the Brevard Zoo. We have a great evening planned for your family beginning with hands-on encounters with several zoo animals followed by a delicious barbecue dinner and our Annual Auction.

Tickets for this event are being mailed this week and additional tickets are available by calling the NUCA office or at the door.

Also, please consider supporting this event as a SPONSOR, or with AUCTION ITEMS DONATIONS – or both!

Sponsorships

Support our chapter and promote your company as an Auction & Barbecue Event Sponsor for \$300 Each sponsor will be recognized throughout the evening with a continuous power point presentation of sponsoring companies and their logos; will be featured in our auction program; and will be recognized in weekly emails promoting this event. (See the attached flyer).

Auction Items

Donations of all kids are welcome! We strive to have a wide variety of auction items so that all our attendees can find something that interests them.

Suggested items include:

- Sports equipment
- Tools
- Children's toys
- Fishing/Golf pkgs
- Tickets for sporting events
- Liquor baskets
- Electronics

You can also donate a product or service that your company provides. This is a great way to showcase what your company has to offer!

No time to shop? Let me know what you would like to spend, and I will be happy to do the shopping for you.

Please take a moment to complete the donation form on the next page and fax it back to me.

Thank you for supporting NUCA of Central Florida!



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Auction Ticket & Donation Form

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NUCA of Florida & Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation

Charitable Contribution Form



Looking for a business or personal charitable contribution for this year? Why not contribute to the NUCA of Florida/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation? The foundation has been approved as a non-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Since its inception in 2000, the NUCA of Florida/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation has awarded \$245,500 in scholarships to very deserving individuals. The foundation's only current source of revenue is its Annual Bass Tournament which is held each spring.

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In less than three years since its formation, the foundation, through the generous gifts of family, friends and a concerned industry, has established a scholarship fund that will hopefully serve the association's membership to enable college bound students and forever memorialize a bright young man. Please consider taking this opportunity to continue funding the foundation by making a contribution today.

Please accept my charitable contribution in the amount of \$_____ for the NUCA of Florida/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc.

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