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# CAWP Annual Meeting -Registration NOW OPEN



The 2022 CAWP Annual Meeting will be held February 23 – 27, 2022 at Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas.

DETAILS

REGISTRATION

# **CAWP + AGC**

In 1939, CAWP was granted a full charter with the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), the largest and oldest national construction trade association in the United States. Established in 1918, AGC is the most respected voice of the construction industry in the U.S. Congress and has continued to enhance its reputation for being the respected voice of the construction industry in Washington, D.C.



Your membership in CAWP includes membership in AGC. Please watch this section in the CAWP Weekly to stay up-to-date on the news, events, and member benefits from AGC and other AGC chapters.

## **OSHA to Issue a COVID-19 Vaccine or Test Mandate**

### Applicable to All Employers with 100 or More Employees

On July 9, President Biden unveiled his <u>Path Out of the Pandemic Plan</u>, which implements a six-pronged national strategy to combat the surge of the Delta variant. One of the key aspects of the plan is a requirement that OSHA issue an Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)—reportedly within a matter of weeks—that will require all employers with 100 or more employees to ensure their workforce is fully vaccinated or require any workers who remain unvaccinated to produce a negative test result on at least a weekly basis before coming to work. While there are few details to make a completely informed decision on the potential impacts of the ETS on the construction industry, AGC has communicated concerns to OSHA as it relates to the practical impacts such a mandate may have on the industry amidst a workforce shortage, issues relating to controlling contractor responsibilities and recordkeeping obligations, availability of test kits, and laboratory capacity for analyzing the anticipated increase in testing that may result from such a mandate, among other things.

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Funding for Highway and Transit Programs Expire on September 30

### Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill still awaits a vote in the House of Representatives

Action is needed before the current one-year extension of the FAST Act surface transportation law expires September 30. The bipartisan infrastructure bill passed by the Senate over a month ago includes a record-breaking five-year surface transportation reauthorization and additional investments to rebuild the nation's infrastructure. The House of Representatives has yet to vote on the bill, as Speaker Pelosi holds it for leverage to pass upwards of a \$3.5 trillion human infrastructure bill. Meanwhile, thousands of construction jobs and projects are on the line. Not only will further delay impede a wide variety of new projects from hitting the street to bid, but <u>funding for ongoing construction projects</u> is also in jeopardy. If the bipartisan infrastructure bill does not pass before September 30, the federal-aid highway and transit construction programs will expire, causing a slowdown and eventual end to federal payments to states for transportation construction projects already underway. <u>CLICK HERE</u> for ways you can help AGC pass the bipartisan infrastructure bill and avoid these issues.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### FULL CALENDAR

#### **RECENT BULLETINS**

August 17 CAWP Labor Bulletin 15-21 Disruptive Employee - Drug and Alcohol Reminder (<u>Member Account Needed</u>)

August 5 CAWP Labor Bulletin 14-21 Holiday - Labor Day (<u>Member</u> <u>Account Needed</u>)

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