

Issue #51-21 | December 20, 2021

Update on **OSHA** COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing ETS

Update on OSHA's COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing ETS

On Friday, December 17, a federal appeals court upheld the OSHA Vaccine & Testing Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS). On Saturday, December 18, OSHA announced it will delay full enforcement to allow additional time to come into compliance.

New Compliance Dates:

- **January 10, 2022** (extended from December 6, 2021) All requirements except testing for employees who have not completed their entire primary vaccination dose(s).
- **February 9, 2022** (extended from January 4, 2022) All requirements including testing for employees who have not received all doses required for a primary vaccination. OSHA stated they will not issue citations for noncompliance with the ETS testing requirements before February 9, as long as an employer is exercising reasonable, good faith efforts to comply.

• ETS expires early May, 2022.

It is unknown if the case will be reviewed by the Supreme Court.

Next Steps: Contractors should take steps to comply with the January deadline (survey employees about vaccination status) and prepare for the February deadline (to secure good faith efforts) in hopes that the ruling is overturned.

CAWP SUMMARY OF THE ETS

CAWP VACCINE MANDATE TOOLBOX



Looking for Interns? Pitt's Co-op Program Can Help!

Pitt's Co-op program has recently undergone a major change and is a part of the expansion in student services within the Swanson School of Engineering.

The new Co-op & Internship division in the Swanson School of Engineering's Office of Experiential Learning & Professional Engagement (ELPE) will assist in connecting students, alumni, and industry, both in the US and world-wide.

DETAILS

CAWP+AGC



Federal Highway Administration Apportions \$52.5 Billion as Part of the Infrastructure Bill

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released its apportionment notice, which informs states how much money they are eligible for in a given year. The \$52.5 billion in apportioned funding for Fiscal Year 2022 represents an increase of more than 20% as compared to Fiscal Year 2021 for Federal-aid Highway Program apportionments. This funding is distributed annually by FHWA for the Federal-aid Highway Program based on a statutory formula contained in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Pennsylvania's apportionment is to be \$2,173,656,077 for 2022. For more information click here.



AGC Files Lawsuit to Block Vaccine Mandate for Federal Contractors

On December 14, AGC of America and two of its chapters, the Dallas-based TEXO chapter of the association, and the statewide AGC of Texas chapter, filed <u>suit</u> in federal court to block the Biden administration's effort to impose a COVID-19 vaccine mandate on federal contractors and subcontractors. AGC noted that many of its members that regularly construct federal projects are already being harmed, as key employees leave for other jobs in the industry to avoid the strict federal mandate. AGC's filing includes a <u>motion</u> for a temporary restraining order and <u>statements</u> from a number of contractors detailing the damages they have already begun to experience because of the new federal contractor vaccine mandate. That mandate is different from the broader vaccine mandate that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has sought to impose on all firms that employ 100 or more people. That rule gives workers the option to be tested weekly, instead of being vaccinated. AGC <u>filed</u> a legal challenge against that "emergency" OSHA standard in November.

"We are as eager as anyone to see more construction workers become fully vaccinated," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the AGC's chief executive officer. "But imposing a strict mandate on a small sector of the

construction industry will only drive vaccine-hesitant workers out of that sector, and to one of the many other sectors also desperate for more workers."

MORE



2022 CAWP ANNUAL MEETING

The **2022 CAWP Annual Meeting** will be held February 23 – 27, 2022 at Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas – you can't afford to miss it!

CAWP ANNUAL MEETING DETAILS

2022 CAWP/H2AP ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION & MONTE CARLO The **2022 CAWP/H2AP Annual Membership Reception & Monte Carlo** will be held on Friday, January 14, 2022 at Heinz Field.

CAWP/H2AP MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION & MONTE CARLO DETAILS

UPCOMING EVENTS January 14, 2022

CAWP/H2AP Annual
Membership Reception &
Monte Carlo

February 23-27, 2022CAWP Annual MeetingAtlantis Paradise Island
Bahamas

RECENT BULLETINS

December 8Labor Bulletin 18-21 Holidays Christmas Day & New Year's

Day (<u>Member Account</u> Needed)

December 7 EEO Bulletin #3-21

PROUD CHAPTER OF



FULL CALENDAR

<u>Carpenters, Cement Masons,</u> <u>Laborers & Operators - 2022</u> <u>Apprenticeship Notices</u>



