

What Contractors Need to Know During a Government Shutdown



The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) has outlined how the federal government shutdown will affect construction projects.

- **Federal-Aid Contractors** (highway, transit, airports, etc.)- Programs funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) would continue and be uninterrupted.
- **Direct Federal Contractors** (Army Corps, General Services Admin, etc.)- Construction contracts already awarded on a fixed-price basis will be substantially unaffected by the shutdown. However, for most cost-type contracts, time and materials contracts, IDIQ/MATOC/MACC contracts and those contracts that have yet to be awarded, the shutdown will likely suspend operations completely.

More projects could be impacted if this shutdown goes beyond a few weeks.

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Leadership Lessons in the Highway Construction Industry



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In episode six of Constructing Connections, Rich Barcaskey interviews Dan Beatty, a seasoned expert in construction management and leadership development. With over 36 years of experience, Dan shares his journey through the construction industry and the pivotal moments that shaped his career.

Key highlights include:

- Early influences and career paths
 - Soft skills in construction
- Challenges and rewards starting your own business
- Holistic approach to effective leadership and teamwork

Make sure to stay tuned for a part 2 episode with Dan, where they discuss mentorship, mindset, and building culture in construction!

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• Gender
• Over 18
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• Training School Attendance
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ADDITIONAL NOTES
1 Under 'Pages', checking the 'Sorted' box will show ALL possible candidates, not just those who have completed the course.
2 The 'Reset' button will remove all filter options & selections.
3 Search box filters by name or email.
4 Panels can be scrolled left & right, as well as up & down.
5 On mobile, the candidate listing is paginated. Use the <> arrows to move between pages.

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