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South Carolina's Consolidated Procurement Code Amended To Allow Alternative Project Delivery Methods By: Chuck McDonald - Robinson McFadden

On February 4th, Governor Sanford signed bill S.282 into law. This bill was a by-product of efforts of Carolinas AGC, South Carolina Chapter of American Institute of Architects, American Council of Engineering Companies of South Carolina, and Specialty Trade Associations Council (of which MCASC is a key member) to bring alternative project delivery methods to public procurement in South Carolina. The new project delivery methods are as follows:

1. Design-Build
2. Construction Management At-Risk
3. Operations and Maintenance
4. Design-Build-Operate-Maintain
5. Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Maintain

Before using one of these alternative project delivery methods, a state agency must give notification to and get approval from the Office of the State Engineer.

After certain state agencies achieved exemptions from the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code, and after fending off bills which sought broad exemptions to the application of the Procurement Code for other public bodies, the above groups got together to offer a mutually acceptable bill to the General Assembly which provided the additional procurement options sought by state agencies while maintaining the other provisions of the Code. The bill was modeled after the American Bar Association's 2000 Model Procurement Code for State and Local Governments and was well received by most involved in public procurement in South Carolina.

Subcontractor pre-qualification is also a new addition to the Procurement Code. State agencies may now pre-qualify subcontractors in addition to prime contractors. The criteria for pre-qualification on design-bid-build remains the same - construction that is "unique" in nature or when the project price is over \$10,000,000.00. For the other project delivery methods, pre-qualification of both prime contractors and subcontractors is permitted without any such limitations.

STAC made sure that the amended procurement code maintained the payment safeguards to subcontractors such as the requirement for payment bonds on all projects over \$50,000.00 and maximum retainage of 3.5%. The requirement for listing major subcontractors in the prime contractor's bid, and the criteria for substitution of listed subcontractors, remains and also applies to the new project delivery methods.

The bill is retroactive to January 1, 2008 and applies to solicitations issued on or after that date. There will no doubt be a learning curve for state agencies, prime contractors and subcontractors in implementing these new project delivery methods. The Office of the State Engineer will be promulgating additional regulations for these new methods and interested parties should involve themselves in that process.

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“Tool Box Talks” - Safety Tip
USING PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

In the event of a fire, the correct use of a portable fire extinguisher could mean the difference between suffering a minor loss or a major one. Portable fire extinguishers, if used properly, can make that difference. But there are several things to consider in using fire extinguishers. For instance, you must know the *class* of fire involved and the correct *type* of fire extinguisher to use.

CLASSES OF FIRES AND FIRE EXTINGUISHERS:

Class A Involves ordinary combustibles such as paper, wood, cloth, rubber or plastics. The common extinguishing media is water or dry chemical.

Class B Flammable liquids, grease or gases are covered under this category. Common extinguishing media are foam, carbon dioxide or dry chemical.

Class C Live electrical fires are class C fires. CO2 or dry chemical extinguishers should be used. However, the actual burning product may be class A items.

Class D Burning materials include combustible metals such as magnesium and sodium. Special extinguishing agents, approved by recognized testing laboratories, are needed when working with these metals.

RESPONDING TO FIRES:

Sound the fire alarm and call the local fire department immediately if a fire breaks out. Follow your company's procedures on responding to fires. But attempt to *fight* the fire only if, (1) you know the type of combustible material burning, (2) you have been trained to use the fire extinguisher correctly, and (3) if the fire is still in the incipient (beginning) stage. If the fire gets too large or out of control, evacuate immediately.

REMEMBER P-A-S-S WHEN USING AN EXTINGUISHER:

P - Pull. Pull the locking pin before using the fire extinguisher.

A - Aim. Aim the fire extinguisher at the base of the fire. Not at the flames or smoke.

S - Squeeze. Squeeze the lever of the fire extinguisher to operate and discharge.

S - Sweep. Sweep the fire extinguisher back and forth at the *base* of the fire to extinguish.

(Most extinguishers will only allow about 10-seconds of extinguishing media.)

Prevention is the key when it comes to firefighting. Good housekeeping, proper storage procedures and safe work practices will go a long way toward reducing the likelihood that a fire will destroy valuable property or injure either you or a fellow employee.

Discussion Questions:

- What is your company's policy on sounding an alarm and contacting the fire department?
- What kinds of flammables are most likely to create a fire danger at your jobsite?
- What type of fire extinguisher should be used on those flammables or combustibles?

RSS Safety Supplies sells fire extinguishers – call Debbie at 704-844-2519 for pricing.

RSS Safety, LLC
1122 Industrial Drive, Suite 109, Matthews, NC 28105
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~ **Employment Opportunity** ~

Technical Sales Associate

Company: James M. Pleasants Company, Inc.

Columbia, SC (803) 798-1415

Job Description:

The Technical Sales Associate shall have a working knowledge of HVAC and Plumbing systems and will be responsible for reading blueprints and job specifications, completing job equipment quotes and following up with contractors on territory bid jobs. The sales associate will select equipment for consulting engineers and provide design assistance as needed. In addition, the sales associate shall provide customer service in areas of order status, product application and general technical assistance. Basic computer skills shall include use of Microsoft Word and Excel.

This job will require the sales associate to be in the office 8-5 Monday thru Friday. The successful applicant shall be self motivated, often working in an unsupervised environment while providing assistance to customers and company outside sales personnel. Extensive time on the telephone and computer will be required.

Company Description:

James M. Pleasants Company is a manufacturer's representative in the commercial HVAC & Plumbing industry representing products mainly consisting of pumps, cooling towers, steam traps, boilers, water heaters, heat exchangers, flow control valves, and variable speed drives.

- Company offers competitive salary, full medical benefits, retirement plan (ESOP) and vacation.
- For more information on James M. Pleasants Company visit www.jmpco.com.
- To apply for this position, fax resume to (803) 798-1323 or e-mail resume to jasonc@jmpco.com.

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Happy Anniversary

Mr. & Mrs. Billy Zimmerman - 3/21

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Merritt - 3/25

Birth Announcement

Ariel Paige Branham

Born February 6, 8:53 PM, 5 lbs., 14 oz.

Proud Grandparents: Bill and Montez Self
Self's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Clays for College

Friday, April 25, 2008

Harris Springs Sportsman's Preserve
Waterloo, SC

20th Annual George W. Bryce, Jr.

Memorial Golf Tournament

Friday, May 2, 2008

Oakdale Country Club, Florence, SC

The Santee Scholarship Tournament

June 6-8, 2008

Quality Inn & Suites, Santee, SC

Agenda & Registration Form

See Pages 5 & 6

MCASC Summer Convention

July 31 - August 3, 2008

Daufuskie Island Resort & Breathe Spa
Somewhere Between Savannah & Hilton Head

Welcome New Members

Tom George - Retail Air Services, LLC
Anderson, SC

Robert Motley - Insurance Office of America
Lexington, SC

Jim Hearn - Hayes & Lunsford Electrical Contractors
Greenville, SC

Donny Roth - Clarkson Industrial
Spartanburg, SC

Jay Jenkins - Viega
Waxhaw, NC

John Creech - Ogletree, Deakins, Nash,
Smoak & Stewart, P. C.
Greenville, SC

Matt Telmanik - Carolinas Construction Solutions
Charleston, SC

Concerns

Steve Caswell - W. O. Blackstone, Columbia

Cindy Sheppard, Florence

Condolences

Laverne Hill

Frank Hill & Family

Hill Plumbing & Electric Co., Sumter

On The Loss Of Wife & Mother,

Cynthia Rhem Hill

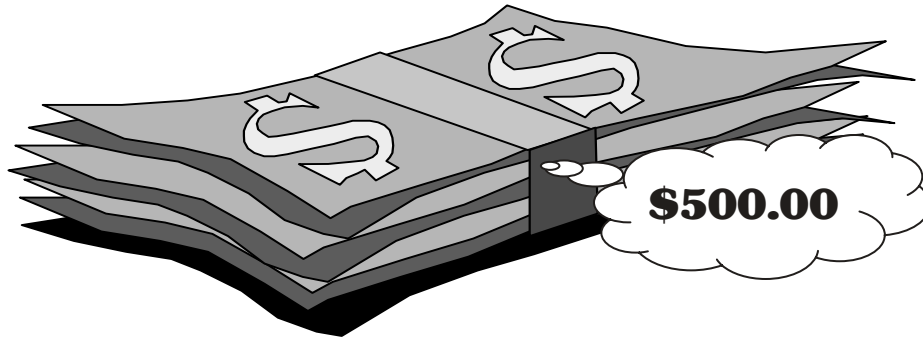
Scott Arledge & Family

Smith & Stevenson, Inc.

On The Loss Of His Mother,

Carolyn P. Arledge

How would you like to win



IF SO, THEN MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE...

**17th Annual
 MCASC Scholarship Tournament
 Swatter-Snagger-Shagger Weekend
 June 6, 7, 8, 2008 - Santee - Quality Inn & Suites**

TENTATIVE AGENDA

FRIDAY:

Check In - Quality Inn & Suites	3:00 PM* - UNTIL	*Earlier If Room Is Ready
GOLF: SANTEE COOPER COUNTRY CLUB	10:15 AM Tee Times Begin	(Tee Times Will Be Published)
Hospitality Suite	4:00 PM - MIDNIGHT	Room 122
Poker	IT'S YOUR DEAL	Room 126
Seafood Dinner	7:00 PM	Santee Cooper Country Club - Clubhouse

SATURDAY:

Buffet Breakfast	6:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Carolina Grill
FISHING	5:30 AM - UNTIL	Jack's Creek Marina ???
GOLF: LAKE MARION	1:30 PM - SHOTGUN START	Captain's Choice Format
Hospitality Suite	4:00 PM - MIDNIGHT	Room 122
Poker	IT'S YOUR DEAL	Room 126
Swatter-Snagger Awards & Door Prizes	7:30 PM	The Shed at Lake Marion
BBQ & Rib Dinner	8:00 PM	The Shed at Lake Marion
Entertainment	After Dinner	???

SUNDAY:

Buffet Breakfast	6:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Carolina Grill
Check Out - Quality Inn & Suites	12:00 NOON	Have A Safe Trip Home!!

\$500- Hole-In-One Contest

\$500 will be awarded for each hole-in-one made on Hole #6 (166 yds).

\$500 Angler Contest

\$500 will be awarded to the angler that captures the largest fish (weighed in ounces)
 IF their lucky number matches the winning number.



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NEW LOCATION: Quality Inn & Suites - Santee

REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION

COST:

**Swatter/Snagger - \$240.00/person (based on double occupancy)
Non-Sportster - \$190.00/person (based on double occupancy)**

NOTES:

- Any singles add \$27.75, \$55.50 or \$83.25 Depending On Package
- If you choose to go down on Thursday, there will be an additional room cost of \$71.04
 - Please indicate below so we can make the necessary accommodations
 - Cancellations and/or Substitutions Accepted Thru May 23rd

Hole Sponsor - \$150.00

Boat Sponsor - \$150.00

****Make checks payable to: MCASC Scholarship Fund****

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 9, 2008

Below, indicate activities with a ✓ mark

Complete registration form & fax to (803) 731-0390 or mail to: mflowers@mcasc.com

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1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							

IMPORTANT NOTE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, Pre-arranged foursomes will be accepted both days provided you have contacted the MCASC State Office & submitted your team by no later than May 9, 2008. If you do not pre-arrange your foursome, & would like to play with a particular individual, please note on form. Otherwise, the Golf Committee will assign teams.

**Associate Member:
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At the same time, we have maintained our goal of providing service at the local level, through knowledgeable local insurance professionals who understand local market conditions. The experienced professionals of Brown & Brown lead the industry in the efficient management of risk and its related costs and have extensive knowledge in the construction industry field. We have an employee benefits division offering programs such as Medical, Dental, Vision and Disability, LTC and Section 125 pre-tax reimbursement accounts.

We take great pride in belonging to those associations that further the construction industry and operate within those associations to form lasting relationships providing mutual benefit to all parties involved.

We are ready and able to assist you with innovative, cost-effective solutions for your business that make a favorable impact on your business bottom line.

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**Congratulations to our next Associate & Mechanical Members who will be highlighted in the upcoming issue of "The Tool Box":
Upstate Workforce Investment Board, Spartanburg - Associate Member
Retail Air Services LLC, Anderson - Mechanical Member**

MARCH 2008 MONTHLY AREA MEETINGS

MIDLANDS AREA

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 @ 6:00 PM
Location: The Coop, 1100 Key Road, Columbia

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PIEDMONT AREA

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PEE DEE AREA

Thursday, March 20, 2008 6:30 PM
Location: Sidewheeler Restaurant, 110 Main St., Conway
Sponsors: Epting Distributors & North Strand Mechanical, Inc.

**Topic: TBA
Speaker: TBA**

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COASTAL AREA

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 @ 6:00 PM
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MCASC Vision Statement

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina (MCASC) will be the leading construction association in South Carolina for specialty contractors and suppliers in the electrical, mechanical (HVAC), and plumbing fields by serving its membership, the industry, and the Community in a vibrant and harmonious fashion.

MCASC Mission Statement

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina (MCASC) will provide its membership with:

- current business/technical information and support
 - a proactive political/legislative agenda
- a joint industry collaboration to improve relative business practices
- an ongoing effort to offer training opportunities for both professional and craft personnel
 - educational scholarships for deserving students
- the development of industry related career opportunities

The Association's objective for this mission is to enhance the future of the Construction Industry in South Carolina.