



# The Tool Box

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## Message From President Steve Brewer Producing Fruit

A few weeks ago, we had a devastating weather event occur in the upstate area. When I woke up on Easter Sunday morning and looked at my outdoor thermometer, the temperature was 22 degrees. The official temperature for that day was 24 degrees and a new record low for this date, but either way it still was an extremely cold event which damaged all of the fruit crops in this area. This will be the first time in nearly twenty years in which there will be no fruit produced in the upstate.

When asked to serve as part of the Executive Board, I had no special agenda, but did have some ideas and some concerns. With the help of Bill Caldwell and the entire Board, we got off to a fast start at the Summer Convention to develop the Vision/Mission Statement, which was the focus of the start of our Fall Area Meeting programs and is now printed in the Newsletter each month.

One of my concerns was that we had a joint industry committee geared toward communication with the AGC - for a number of years this had not been happening. We cannot be an island unto ourselves and not be sharing our needs and concerns of our industry with other Associations. At the Winter Retreat we had invited several representatives of other Associations to participate in our program on Industry Collaboration. This should be a great start to working with our sister Associations, especially in the areas of Workforce Development, Cost of Insurance, Contractor Prequalification and Industry Image.

As many of you know, the foundation of our Association had been the Bid Procedure. For over ten years now, and no matter how hard we worked to keep it as a pro-active tool of our business, it has not been bought into by architects, owners, and general contractors. Since it comprises nearly 60% of the language in our bylaws, and, as our focus as an Association is changing toward education, legislation and information, we are looking at revising the bylaws and setting aside the Bid Procedure as a separate viable document which can be re-instated if the business climate allows us to.

As my year as President of the Association is coming to an end, I want to let you know what a pleasure it has been to serve in this capacity and from all the energy and enthusiasm I witnessed as I visited each Area, there is no weather event which can affect the fruits of our hard work.

Sincerely,  
Steve Brewer

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**MCASC  
152nd  
Summer Convention  
July 19-22, 2007  
Callaway Gardens  
Pine Mountain, GA  
Hotel  
Registration  
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**Mechanical Member:  
WALKUP ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC**

Walkup Electrical Construction, LLC was founded by Tommy Walkup in 1984. The business was operated by Tommy and his wife, Terry, from their home with 9 employees. In 2003 the business grew to 20+ employees, and we built our first office in Florence, South Carolina. The business continued to grow, so we renovated a larger building in 2005.

Our company holds an unlimited Mechanical Contracting license in South Carolina and North Carolina. We average 60 employees with a service division and a construction division and operate a fleet of 20 vehicles. We provide electrical services for all commercial projects including design-build, schools, churches, banks, shopping centers, government facilities, and light industrial projects. Tommy Walkup leads the design-build division, Eric Williamson leads the construction division, and Lynn Campbell leads the service department. The major areas we serve are Florence, Columbia, and Myrtle Beach.



**Walkup Electrical Construction, LLC**  
**3233 S. Cashua Drive**  
**Florence, SC 29501-6306**  
**Phone (843) 292-0008, Fax (843) 676-9740**

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***MAY BIRTHDAYS***

Theresa Caldwell	5/4	Waldrop, Inc.	Wife of Bill
Phil Wilson	5/5	Control Management, Inc.	
John Minor	5/5	G-M Mechanical Corporation	
Tom Johnson	5/7	Honorary Life Member	
Rob Stewart	5/7	Transworld, Inc.	
Peter Bartsch	5/14	Bartsch Electric, Inc.	
Robbin Cullum	5/14	Cullum Mechanical Construction, Inc.	Wife of Rudy
Sally Paul	5/15	Sanitary Plumbing Contractors, Inc.	
Will Thomason	5/20	James M. Pleasants Company	
Sam White	5/20	Walker White, Inc.	
A. A. "Bo" Shuler, Jr.	5/24	Honorary Life Member	
Dayle Baxter	5/27	Tri-Star Constructors	Wife of Jerry
John Babson	5/28	BB&T/Boyle Vaughan Insurance	
Bill Bowers	5/30	Hoffman & Hoffman - Greenville	
Ken Morelli	5/31	Triad Mechanical Contractors	

***Happy Birthday Members! We Would Like To Announce Yours.  
Please call the Birthday Hotline at 803-772-7834 or Email to [mflowers@mcasc.com](mailto:mflowers@mcasc.com)***

# PROJECTS FOR BID & BID FORECAST

MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
 P.O. Box 384, Columbia, South Carolina 29202 · 1504 Morninghill Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210  
 PHONE (803)772-7834 · FAX (803)731-0390 · E-MAIL: mflowers@mcasc.com WEBSITE: www.mcasc.com

JOBS TO BE BID THROUGH THE MCASC BID PROCEDURE.  
 ALL MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION BIDDING ON THESE ADVERTISED JOBS ARE  
 INVITED AND URGED TO UTILIZE THE MCASC BID PROCEDURE PUBLISHED HEREIN.  
 INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY THE MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

NOTES:

1. ALL JOBS LISTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE MCASC FOUR-HOUR DESIGNATION ARE EITHER ZERO OR TWO-HOUR BID JOBS.
2. ALL ASPECTS OF THE MCASC FOUR-HOUR BID PLAN APPLY TO JOBS DESIGNATED AS EITHER ZERO OR TWO-HOUR JOBS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TIME & BID PROCEDURE OFFICE/SIGNATORY GENERAL CONTRACTOR INTERFACING.  
 \*MCASC BID PROCEDURE SIGNATORY GC'S INDICATED WITH "O"

<b>PIEDMONT AREA</b>	<b>NO JOBS LISTED</b>	CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE DAVID BISHOP TEL: (864) 578-7252 FAX: 578-3419
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<b>MIDLANDS AREA</b>	<b>NO JOBS LISTED</b>	CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE
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<b>PEE DEE AREA</b>	WILLIAM L. SELF TEL: (803) 432-8519 FAX: 432-3845	PAUL PREVATTE TEL: (843) 272-4915 FAX: 272-6071	CHAIRMEN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE JIMMY LEE TEL: (843) 669-8243 FAX: 673-0826
<b>NO JOBS LISTED</b>			

<b>COASTAL AREA</b>	<b>NO JOBS LISTED</b>	CHAIRMAN DESIGNATING COMMITTEE RON RUNYON TEL: (843) 556-5636 FAX: 763-3091
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### **FIRE SPRINKLER DESIGN CANDIDATE**

Temporary Services, Inc. is looking for a Fire Sprinkler Design Candidate who must demonstrate knowledge of building codes, CAD design skills, customer service and outstanding written/verbal skills with a minimum of 2 years experience in fire protection design. NICET Certification is preferred but not required. Responsibilities are to design automatic fire sprinkler systems per code using the most resourceful method, provide hydraulic calculations and stock listing using SprinkCAD software and coordinate with field and other trades.

This is a permanent placement position. No travel, all local/Greenville, SC.

Base Salary predicated upon experience.

E-mail of fax resumes to Robbie Stephens.

[Tempserv@bellsouth.net](mailto:Tempserv@bellsouth.net)  
 1-800-573-9557

## GATEWAY SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. (GREENVILLE) IS MOVING!!

EFFECTIVE MAY 21st  
 GATEWAY SUPPLY CO., INC., GREENVILLE IS MOVING  
 THEIR NEW LOCATION WILL BE  
 70 CHROME DRIVE  
 GREENVILLE, SC 29615-4618

May, 2007 - June, 2007

DAY	JOB NO.	4/HR LOCATION NAME	BID DATE	TIME
No Jobs Listed				

**“Tool Box Talks” - Safety Tip**  
**LOCK OUT - TAG OUT**

If you are required to repair or maintain any machinery or equipment, or any electrical power source, start the job by locking out and tagging out all energy sources and starting mechanisms. Locking or tagging out is the only sure way to prevent other employees from accidentally activating the system.

Contact your supervisor when tagging out any piece of equipment or machinery so that he is aware of the situation. Schedule any maintenance or repairs ahead of time with the supervisor to avoid conflicts and any interruptions of the work.

Install your tag out or lock out at the power or ignition source. If a piece of equipment can be activated from more than one location, then additional locks or tags may be required. Make sure that the tag or lock is secure and will not blow off or fall off the machine.

Machines can still be harmful even when they are turned off. Make sure that the machine is not coasting to a stop and watch for moving parts that turn by gravity. Be careful of air or hydraulic pressure lines that have not been bled. Read the manufacturers recommendations for repairs to avoid any hidden dangers such as springs that are under a load that might accidentally be released.

Remember to remove your lock and tags after your work is complete. NEVER remove a lock or tag that has been installed by someone else. If you find a lock or tag out, contact the person who tagged that equipment out and the supervisor for further instructions. NEVER ASSUME THAT SOMEONE JUST FORGOT TO REMOVE THE LOCK OR TAG.

**BE SMART - LARGE JOB OR SMALL, TAG IT OUT FIRST !**

Get all of your Lockout/Tagout needs at RSS Safety. Call Debbie at (704) 844-2519 for your quote.

**By: Mel Rosas – RSS Safety, LLC**  
**1122 Industrial Drive, Suite 109, Matthews, NC 28105**  
**Telephone (704) 844-2519 Fax (704) 844-0291**

**Birth Announcement**

**Daniel Gordon Thomason**  
**Born April 10th at 9:16 am, 6 lbs. 4oz., 20 inches**  
**Proud Parents: Beth and Will Thomason**  
**James M. Pleasants Co., Greenville**

**Condolences**

**Dr. Mary Frame & Family**  
**Human Resource Development**  
**On the loss of her mother, Estelle S. Joseph**  
**Pat & Mike Hough & Family - Gateway Supply Co.**  
**On the loss of her Brother-in-law,**  
**Thomas Hooker, Sr.**  
**Family of Charles Henry “Charlie” Cockerham**  
**Employee of Gateway Supply Company**  
**For Forty-three (43) years**

**Welcome New Members**

**Jack Puckett - Capstone Insurance Services, LLC**  
**Greenville, SC**  
**Eddie Melton, Jr. - Premier Lighting of Charleston**  
**Charleston, SC**  
**Jim Hendricks - Critical Components, Inc.**  
**Charleston, SC**

**Happy Anniversary**

**Mr. & Mrs. Larry Shields - 5/10**

**Concerns**

**Richard Miller, Jr. - City Plumbing Co. of Florence**  
**Montez Self - Self’s Heating & Air Conditioning**



**CALLAWAY GARDENS  
HOTEL REGISTRATION  
Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina  
Summer Convention  
July 19, 2007 - July 22, 2007**

**Please Complete Reservation Form and Return With One Night's Deposit By: June 18, 2007**

**Note:** Rooms will not be held for Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina after this date.  
Reservations will be taken on a space availability basis only.

**Send To:** CALLAWAY GARDENS, P.O. BOX 2000 HIGHWAY 27 SOUTH, PINE MOUNTAIN, GA 31822

**Please Indicate Number of Accommodations Desired:**

The Lodge and Spa at Callaway	\$175 + 12% Tax	_____
Southern Pine One Bedroom Cottage	\$165 + 12% Tax	_____
Southern Pine Two Bedroom Cottage	\$330 + 12% Tax	_____
Mountain Creek Inn (Note: Approx. 3 Miles From Lodge Conference Center)	\$119 + 12% Tax	_____

**ABOVE MEETING PACKAGE PLAN RATE IS QUOTED ON SINGLE OR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY,  
PER NIGHT, EUROPEAN PLAN AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:  
Accommodations, Admission Into the Gardens, In Room Daily Coffee Service, Daily Newspaper,  
Phone Access Charges, and Admission to Fitness Center.**

**Arrival Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **First:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company Name or Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Day Phone:** ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Roommate (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE HELD WITHOUT A ONE NIGHT'S DEPOSIT.**

Please enclose a check or money order, payable to Callaway Gardens, or you may apply the deposit to an American Express, Master Card, Visa or Discover card amount. Please indicate amount enclosed or account number. Credit card deposits will be processed upon receipt.

**Deposit Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** Reservations may be canceled, or stay shortened, up to seven days prior to arrival; cancellations or shortened stays made within seven days of check-in or after arrival will result in forfeiture of your deposit.

**4:00 PM CHECK IN  
1-800-CALLAWAY**

**11:00 AM CHECK-OUT  
FAX: (706) 663-5090**



**16<sup>th</sup> Annual  
MCASC Scholarship Tournament  
Swatter-Snagger-Shagger Weekend  
June 1, 2, 3, 2007  
Santee - Ramada Inn**



**REGISTRATION FORM AND INFORMATION**

**COST:**

**Swatter/Snagger - \$225.00/person (double occupancy)  
Non-Sportster - \$175.00/person (double occupancy)**

**NOTES:**

- Any singles add \$45.00
- Lounge cover charge waived with room key
- If you choose to go down on Thursday, there will be an additional room cost of \$56.00
  - Please indicate below so we can make the necessary accommodations
  - Cancellations and/or Substitutions Accepted Thru May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Hole Sponsor - \$125.00  
Boat Sponsor - \$125.00**

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

***REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MAY 4, 2007***

Below, indicate activities with a ✓ mark

**DEADLINE**

Complete registration form & fax to (803) 731-0390 or email to: [mflowers@mcasc.com](mailto:mflowers@mcasc.com)

NAME:	HCP	HOTEL THURS.	GOLF FRI.	GOLF SAT.	FISH SAT.	NO SPORT	SPONSOR
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 4, 2007. 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:  
FIRST CAROLINA INSURANCE ASSOCIATES, INC.**

SAVING money on your total cost of risk is a must in today's economy. The cost of providing coverage is rising significantly, while budgets are being strained more than ever. Many practices struggle to balance their loss control efforts with their bottom line.

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First Carolina Insurance Associates, Inc. has assembled the finest staff of risk management and insurance professionals whose experience is matched by their intelligence and integrity. We further arm them with continuous education, training, and cutting-edge technical resources. These highly specialized consultants have helped us build our reputation for excellence and fuel our growth.

Just call Jules McMillan or Larry McKeehan and let them answer all your questions.

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**Congratulations to our next Associate & Mechanical Members who will be  
highlighted in the upcoming issue of "The Tool Box":  
United Rentals, Inc., Columbia - Associate Member  
Bartsch Electric, Inc. - Mechanical Member**

**MAY 2007 MONTHLY AREA MEETINGS**

**MIDLANDS AREA**

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Location: The Coop, 1100 Key Road, Columbia

**Year-End Statewide Rally & Barbeque  
With Special Guests Gov. Mark Sanford  
And Members of The General Assembly**

**PIEDMONT AREA**

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

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**COASTAL AREA**

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

Location: The Coop, 1100 Key Road, Columbia

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**MCASC Executive Board & Staff**

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Mona Flowers, Managing Director

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**PIEDMONT AREA MCASC - "CLAYS FOR COLLEGE"**

The Piedmont Area would like to Thank All Sponsors & Participants whose contributions made the first year of "Clays for College" such a huge success. Many Thanks To Each Of You!

**MCASC Vision Statement**

The Mechanical Contractors Association of South Carolina will be the leading construction association in South Carolina for specialty contractors and suppliers in the mechanical, electrical, 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 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.