



*The AGC of North Dakota is the unified voice of the construction industry promoting quality, integrity, and commitment to completing projects successfully and safely.*

November 9, 2019

## Chapter News

### Register Now for Annual Convention: Room Block Deadline November 12

Only 31 days until the annual convention and if you haven't registered yet, NOW is the time! We have some great breakout sessions planned, AGC of America Vice President Dan Fordice will be in attendance, Tom Emison from Kraus-Anderson will be talking about safety, suicide and addiction, and our keynote speaker is U.S. Army Airborne Paratrooper and former NBA player Richard Coffey. Register today and don't forget the room block deadline is November 12. [REGISTER HERE](#)

### Tis the Season to Plan Your Training

Registration is now open for several AGC class offerings, including Construction Supervision Fundamentals, and Erosion and Sediment Control Certification. Don't forget to contact [Jack Kolberg](#) for your safety training – from specific certifications to presentations tailored to meet your company's needs – it's all FREE.

#### Construction Supervision Fundamentals

This highly interactive course presents basic information about the skills and knowledge needed for successful construction supervision across all types of commercial construction. The 25 hour course consists of nine sessions including Team Management & Leadership, Communication Skills, Project Scheduling, Risk Management, Construction Law & Contract Documents, Productivity & Cost Control.

- March 10-12, 2020 – Bismarck - [Register Here](#)
- March 24-26, 2020 - Dickinson - [Register Here](#)
- March 31-April 2, 2020 – Fargo - [Register Here](#)
- April 14-16, 2020 – Grand Forks - [Register Here](#)

#### Erosion & Sediment Control Certification

The NDDOT Erosion and Sediment Control Construction Certification Program provides information on regulations & special provisions; temporary & permanent erosion and sediment control measures; SWPPP development & management; and project management & phasing. This certification is **mandatory** for NDDOT personnel, prime/sub-contractors, contractors responsible for installation of erosion/sediment control measures, private consultants working on NDDOT construction projects.

- December 17-18, 2019 – Fargo - [Register Here](#)
- January 28-29, 2020 – Bismarck - [Register Here](#)
- February 11-12, 2020 – Fargo - [Register Here](#)
- February 18-19, 2020 – Bismarck - [Register Here](#)
- March 3-4, 2020 – Fargo - [Register Here](#)
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#### Crane Operator Certification & Recertification

As required by OSHA, this class will prepare crane operators to take the National Commission for Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) written core exam and any of the five mobile crane's written specialty exams. Classes are scheduled for March 31-April 3, 2020 and April 14-17, 2020 in Fargo. Registration will open soon.

### DOT Specifications Review

Beginning in the fall of 2021, the NDDOT will publish annually the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. As part of that annual publication the DOT has devised a five-year rolling plan to keep the specs updated.

The following spec sections, as well as the related plan drawings, will be the focus of the first set of updates and comments are due to the DOT by December 31, 2019. **If you would like to be involved in the review of these sections, please let [Cary](#) know as soon as possible.**

- Equipment: Sections 151 - 153
- Earthwork: Sections 201 – 230
- Bases: Sections 302 & 306
- Geosynthetics: Section 709 & 858
- Aggregates: Section 816
- Salvaged Base Course: Section 817

### Holiday Load Restrictions

The following load restrictions will be in place for the 2019 holidays:

Veteran's Day – November 11th	Permitted vehicles and load movements are allowed to travel as stipulated
Thanksgiving Day – November 28th	Permitted movements <u>exceeding</u> 16 feet in width, <u>may not</u> travel from noon on November 27 until ½ hour before sunrise on November 29
Christmas Day – December 25th	Permitted movements <u>exceeding</u> 16 feet in width, <u>may not</u> travel from noon on December 24 until ½ hour before sunrise on December 26
New Year's Day – January 1st	Permitted movements <u>exceeding</u> 16 feet in width, <u>may not</u> travel from noon on December 31 until ½ hour before sunrise on January 2

If you have any questions you can contact the Permit Office at 701-328-2621 or visit the NDDOT travel information map at [www.dot.nd.gov/travel-info](http://www.dot.nd.gov/travel-info).

### Call for NDDOT Spec Issues

The next AGC/NDDOT Spec Committee Meeting will be held on January 22, 2020. If you would like to submit an issue for consideration,

please use the [Issue Submittal Form](#). If you have any questions, contact Spec Committee Chair [Ted Billadeau](#).

## 2020 Directory Updates and Photos

If you want to make any changes to your directory listing, please send your changes, along with any project photos you think would look good on the cover, to [Stacey](#).

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## Dates to Remember

December 9-10, 2019: [AGC of ND 70th Annual Convention - Fargo, ND](#)

January 24-26, 2020 – [Winter Outing & Recessed Board Meeting – Chandler, AZ](#)

May 6-7, 2020 – [Joint AGC/COE Meeting – Omaha, ND](#)

July 15-16, 2020: [AGC of ND Summer Outing Scholarship Fundraiser - Bismarck, ND](#)

For a complete list of AGC of North Dakota events [click here](#)

## Bid Lettings

Bid Envelopes are available at the office, contact [Stacey](#).

### ND-DOT

February 7, 2020  
March 6, 2020  
April 17, 2020

### MN-DOT

November 22, 2019  
December 18, 2019  
January 31, 2020

### MDT

November 14, 2019  
December 12, 2019

### SD-DOT

November 20, 2019  
December 4, 2019  
December 11, 2019

### WY-DOT

November 14, 2019  
December 11, 2019  
January 9, 2020

## AGC of ND Board of Directors

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## Member News

### New General Manager at Wallwork Truck Center

Casey Lindgren has joined Wallwork Truck Centers as General Manager. Lindgren, who is originally from Fargo, started his retail career in the automotive industry at age 18 at Corwin Automotive where he was promoted through many different management roles. Sixteen years later, he moved to RDO Truck Center as Director of Used Equipment in 2014. In his new role with Wallwork Casey oversees 10 roof top locations for Wallwork Truck Centers.

"We are excited to have Casey Lindgren as our new General Manager. His skills and experience are a great addition to the Wallwork Company" said Curry Quenette, Wallwork Vice President. Casey and his wife Kristin have 4 children. Casey attended Pelican Rapids High School and DL Technical College for Outdoor Power and Snowmobile Technology. Casey is involved in many industry associations.



### NDSCS Construction Management Technology Job Shadow Program

NDSCS has created Job Shadow programs for their Construction Management Technology and Building Construction Technology programs. A Job Shadow is a good way to introduce your company and the construction design industry to students considering construction as a career path. There is also the opportunity to build a relationship with a student from the area that is pursuing a degree with a skillset that would benefit your company as a potential future employee. Most job shadows are 4-8 hours long on one day and the dates and times are worked out between your company and the student. For more information or to sign up for the Job Shadow program contact Randy Stach or Jeremy Hoesel at NDSCS.

[Want to see your news here? Contact Carey.](#)

## National News

### Lean for Trades Toolbox Talk Series

AGC's Lean Construction Forum Steering Committee has developed a new resource to introduce Lean Construction concepts to the jobsite! The AGC Lean for Trades Toolbox Talk Series are 10-minute conversational huddles to help your team identify ways to improve processes, eliminate waste and adopt a Lean culture in the shop and field. Each Toolbox Talk session, released monthly, reviews a concept you can use to create discussion, teach and grow their team's understanding of Lean and determine how they can work more productively and collaboratively. Review the slide deck in an office or on a site, use the lesson to explain the concept, discuss the concept and use the printable handout to pass out as a tool to help implement positive change. [Read More](#)

### AGC Puts Forth Case for Expanding OSHA's Table 1 of the Silica Standard

On Oct. 15, AGC and coalition partners made the case to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)—in response to the agency's request for information—to include more engineering and work practice control methods that effectively limit exposure to silica for the equipment and tasks currently on Table 1. Expanding the standard's Table 1 could provide employers with more flexibility and reduce regulatory burdens while maintaining protections for employees. Specifically, AGC recommended adding (1) an "under one-hour" table for equipment/tasks and controls for short-term activities; (2) dry cutting with vacuum attachments for stationary masonry saws and handheld power saws; and (3) the use of standard shop vacuums as part of engineering controls. AGC also recommended that OSHA exclude mortar mixing and drywall installation/finishing, as data show that the exposure levels for these activities are below actionable levels. AGC will provide further updates as the agency considers these recommendations. [Read More](#)

### Senate Approves FY 2020 Transportation Funding

On Oct. 31, the Senate approved a package of four appropriations bills including its version of the FY2020 funding package for US DOT programs. The Senate bill, like the House bill passed in June, includes the full \$46.365 billion FAST Act obligation limitation for the federal-aid highway program, a \$1.1 billion increase over 2019. In addition, the bill includes a supplemental \$2.7 billion discretionary appropriations for highway programs and an additional \$560 million for transit grants (see chart below). Since none of the 12 FY 2020 appropriations bills were signed into law by the end of FY 2019, government programs including those of US DOT, have been operating under a Continuing Resolution that funds programs through November 21 at the FY 2019 level. It is likely that a compromise DOT funding bill can be approved before November 21 with the increased funding levels. While the Senate bill fixes a budgetary limit provision that, if left unaddressed, could lead to a 12 percent across-the-board cut in transit formula grants from the levels authorized in the FAST Act, it did not address a pending \$7.6 billion rescission in highway contract authority. [Read More](#)

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## AGC WebEd/Podcasts

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**Using Virtual Design To Build Better:** On the latest episode of the ConstructorCast, we speak with virtual design and construction (VDC) leaders from Barton Malow Company, Matt Hedke and Alan Todd, about the benefits of VDC, technology selection and how to ensure successful companywide integration. [Click Here](#) to listen.

**Handling a Crisis:** On the latest episode of the ConstructorCast, we speak with two industry experts on how construction firms can best prepare for and handle the aftermath of a crisis. We discuss the logistical implications of crisis preparedness as well the imperative to address the psychological and emotional repercussions of job site accidents. [Click Here](#) to listen.

## Training/ Education Opportunities

Please contact [Jack](#) if you would like to register or if you need training that is not listed. As always, these classes are free to AGC members.

6,368  
Training Hours YTD  
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## Member Benefits

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