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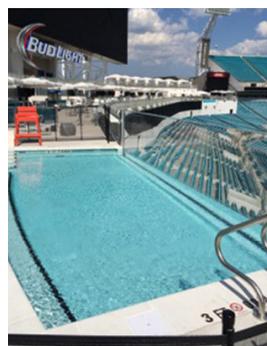
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- A coalition of 12 construction industry and other private sector groups sent a letter Tuesday to President-elect Donald Trump and requested that he rescind President Barack Obama's Executive Order 13502, which encourages federal agencies to require project labor agreements on large-scale projects.
- The groups — including the Associated Builders and Contractors, Associated General Contractors of America, National Association of Home Builders and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, among others — wrote that PLAs force union control of all labor relations, often require nonunion employees to pay into benefit schemes on which they might never be able to collect, and do not represent the nearly 87% of the nation's nonunion construction workers.
- The coalition added that repeal of the federal PLA mandate would eliminate the 12%-18% in extra costs that these agreements trigger and would "create a level playing field" for both union and nonunion contractors.

Insight:
PLAs have been a divisive issue in the construction industry, as opponents, such as the ABC, claim that PLAs restrict competition and raise costs, particularly because a common requirement of PLAs mandates that contractors and employees must pay into union benefit plans and abide by union work

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rules. However, proponents of PLAs claim they are a way of controlling costs and quality on the job, and they reject the idea that they place an undue burden on nonunion contractors and employees.

The full argument against PLAs is included in the AGC's regulatory plan, "Make Federal Agencies Responsible Again," which lays out its framework for the incoming administration to use as a guide in determining which federal regulations help or hurt private industry. The AGC said that businesses paid almost \$1.9 trillion in regulatory compliance costs in 2015 and more than \$800 billion in regulatory costs themselves since 2008. In addition, the association said infrastructure projects are held back by bureaucratic red tape an average of six years. Along with PLAs, the AGC suggested that Trump also address such regulations as the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's revised silica rule, the anti-retaliation portion of OSHA's new electronic recordkeeping rule, the Environmental Protection Agency's

"Waters of the United States" regulation and the Department of Labor's revised overtime rule and its proposed exemption threshold.

The industry has pushed back against these and other federal regulations, the most recent of which is the doubling of the salary level at which employees become exempt from overtime pay laws. The revised rule raised that threshold from \$23,600 (\$455 per week) to \$47,476 (\$913 per week), a move that left construction industry employers worried about extra costs and the possibility of having to rework their internal wage and management structures.

Industry groups, including the AGC, sued the DOL over the changes, and a U.S. District Court judge in Texas issued a nationwide injunction against the rule in November, ruling that the updated regulation established a "de facto salary-only test" in determining whether an employee should be paid overtime and at what pay level.

by: Kim Slowey, Construction Dive

CONSTRUCTION TECH

SELF DRIVING CRASH TRUCKS TESTED IN FLORIDA -

A Coopersburg, PA, equipment company unveiled a self-driving truck to soon be used by highway construction crews in Florida.

The driverless vehicles will serve as construction-site "crash trucks" — the barrier-surrounded vehicles that lead the roving construction crews that paint highway lines, inspect bridges and pave roads. Drivers of crash trucks are constantly in danger, even when their vehicles serve as a decoy to divert traffic from hitting exposed road workers. A driverless vehicle eliminates the risk of harm in case a moving car hits the truck.

Each truck is equipped with a device that will receive signals to direct its movement. Automated crash trucks, which are drawing interest from transportation departments around the country, can also potentially save money on labor, as fewer drivers would be needed per crew.

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM

Construction Project and Market Panel

Aaron Smith, PCL Construction - Mark Lewis, Austin Commercial - Jeff Friedrich, Friedrich Watkins Company - Patrick Ringlever, Interplan Architecture & Engineering - Erick Antalek, HKS Architects - Michael Parks, Hoar Construction





UPCOMING EVENTS

TECHNOLOGY

1,000 GALLONS OF WATER IN 1 MINUTE-

Interest in permeable concrete — primarily its ability to prevent devastating damage caused by stormwater runoff — skyrocketed due to a video demonstration in which a parking lot paved with a product called Topmix Permeable absorbs more than 1,000 gallons of water in a minute.

According to Lafarge Tarmac, manufacturer of Topmix Permeable, stormwater routinely overwhelms older U.S. wastewater systems, causing untreated sewage to be dumped into local waterways and onto public beaches and creating a significant source of pollution for rivers, streams and reservoirs.

Products like Topmix Permeable are applied over a base layer of gravel and, depending on the permeability of the substrate, the water is allowed to either permeate the ground below or is diverted elsewhere, over a period of time, through a series of pipes. However, the empty spaces in the permeable concrete that allow water to flow through have limited the product's use in more rigorous applications, such as heavily-traveled highways, and have raised questions about possible damage from freezing water.



SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT

Friday, March 24th, 2017

8:30AM Registration | 9:00AM Shoot Begins | 12:00PM Lunch

Catfish Creek Sporting Clays, Haines City

Sporting Clays, sometimes referred to as “golf with a Shotgun”, consists of a series of clay target stations along a half mile course trail. At each station, teams of 4 attempt to shoot airborne clay targets simulating game bird hunting. Scoring is easy - each target equals one point, the shooter with the most points wins.

Shooters must wear ear and eye protection at all times while on the course. Shooters will be required to sign a waiver the day of the event and abide by all the safety rules. Golf attire and comfortable shoes recommended - camouflage not required.

There are a limited amount of guns available to rent. When registering, please select if you and your team will need a gun. One gun per team is adequate. Ammo will be provided. Everyone will receive basic safety training the day of the event. Golf carts are included: one four seater per team for the first 11 teams to sign up. Don't worry if you haven't shot clays before - there will be lots of experienced shooters on hand. There will also be a “Sporting Clays 101” class offered prior to the start of the event.



PARTICIPATION FEES:

MEMBER \$175

NON-MEMBER \$200

TEAM OF 4 REGISTRATION FEE:

MEMBER \$650 | NON-MEMBER \$750

(Registration includes water, snacks and lunch)

PACKAGE & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

BIRD DOG**:

Members \$750 | Non-Members \$850

Includes 4 shooters and one stand sign.

THE DICK CHENEY**:

Members \$1050 | Non-Members \$1150

Includes 4 shooters, one stand sign, logo placement on all marketing materials, and 4 raffle cards.

BOTH BARRELS**:

Members \$1750 | Non-Members \$1850

Includes 8 shooters, one stand sign, logo placement on all marketing materials, and 8 raffle cards.

CIGAR SPONSOR**:

\$300 (1 Available)

Logo placement on cigar table and cigar cutters.

LUNCH SPONSOR**:

\$400 (1 available)

Logo placement on all marketing materials and table signage at the luncheon.

WATER BOTTLE SPONSOR:

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Logo placement on all marketing materials and on water bottles that will be distributed to all players.

STAND SPONSOR**:

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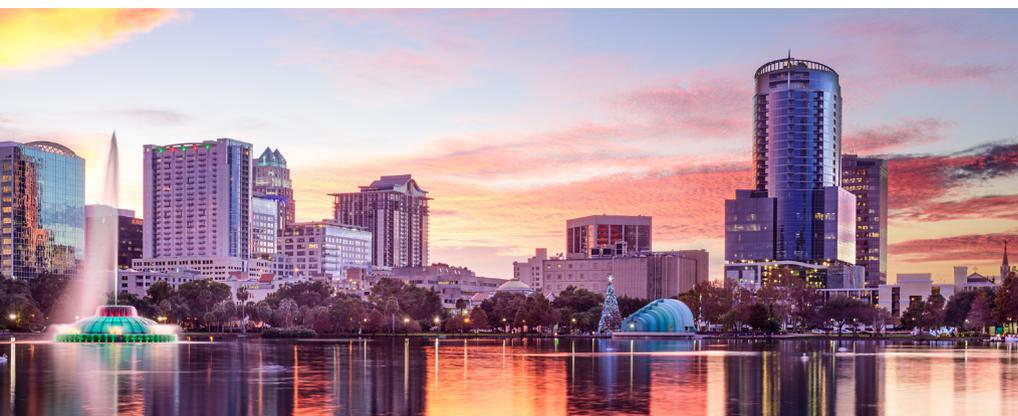
Logo placement on all marketing materials and on a designated stand.

RAFFLE CARDS*:

\$25 PER CARD | \$100 FOR 5

**Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance or at the event - limited to 156 total raffle Cards.*

***Deadline for this sponsorship is March 10th.*



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