



ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

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AUCA held the Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot on October 14th at Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club in Montgomery. Guest speaker, Miss Alabama 2021—Lauren Bradford entertained the crowd with her speech, and playing the violin. Afterwards, she showed off her real talent hitting clay targets while wearing a dress, heels, and crown. If skeet shooting could be in the Miss America pageant this December, she'd definitely win the crown!

General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot Recap:

Thanks to the incredible support by AUCA members for making our 2021 Fall General Meeting, PAC Raffle, and Sporting Clay Shoot another tremendous success.

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General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot Recap:

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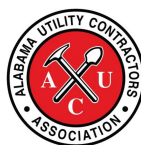
AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle Winners

\$1,000 Cash Prize Winner:

Claud Nordan - Nordan Contracting Co., Inc.

\$500 Cash Prize Winner:

Clabe Dobbs - Progress Bank



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2021 AUCA Award Winners:

Contractor of the Year:

Associate Member of the Year:



John Ballard
Ballard Construction

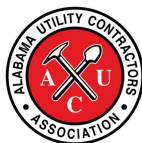


Steve Walker
Johnson & Associates

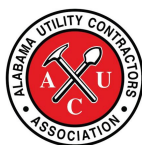
Legislator of the Year:



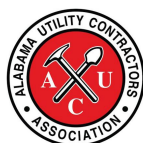
Representative Ed Oliver



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General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot Recap:

1st Place Team - One Stop Environmental



One Stop Environmental Team
Each Team Member Received \$100 and a 1st Place Trophy

2nd Place Team Tractor & Equipment Company

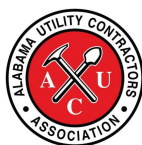


Tractor & Equipment Company Team
Each Team Member Received \$75 and a Trophy

3rd Place Team United Rentals Trench Safety



United Rentals Trench Safety Team
Each Team Member Received \$50 and a Trophy



News & Notes:

***ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
2022 LEADERSHIP TEAM***

The list of Officers and Directors below reflects the members elected to serve on the 2022 Leadership Team at the October 14, 2021 General Meeting in Montgomery.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: TIM GILLIAM, *JOHN PLOTT COMPANY*

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: ANDRU BRAMBLETT, *PRAUS MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC*

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: DOUG BLANKENSHIP, *BLANKENSHIP CONTRACTING, INC.*

SECRETARY/TREASURER: ROBBIE BUTLER, *CLEARY CONSTRUCTION, INC.*

BOARD MEMBERS

RANDY BISHOP, *CONSTRUCTION LABOR SERVICES, INC.*

BILL CARTER, *BILL CARTER CONSULTING, LLC*

RONNIE GOLDEN, *GOLDEN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY*

SHAUN GONZALES, *WEAVER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMPANY, INC.*

JAY HOLCOMB, *LAMBERT, INC.*

GAVIN JONES, *BAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS, INC.*

LARRY LOGSDON, WALLACE, *JORDAN, RATLIFF, & BRANDT, LLC*

MARK MAYFIELD, *MILLER PIPELINE, LLC*

RYAN McCLENDON, *J. SMITH LANIER & COMPANY*

BILL McGOUGH, *W.R. MITCHELL CONTRACTOR, INC.*

RICHARD MURPHREE, *EMPIRE PIPE & SUPPLY*

AARON SCHMIDT, *SCHMIDT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION, INC.*

CHARLES SMITH, *VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY*

CHAD TUBBS, *FERGUSON WATERWORKS*

STEVE WALKER, *JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.*



News & Notes:

Alabama Special Legislative Sessions:

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey called lawmakers to begin a second special legislative session in Montgomery on October 28th for the purpose of drawing new districts for Congressional, Legislative, and state Board of Education districts. This is a task required after every census to keep districts approximately equal in population. House Speaker Mac McCutcheon has indicated that he did not expect legislators to consider any bills dealing with vaccine mandates during the special session since it was not included in the governor's proclamation.

A special session is limited to 12 legislative days within 30 calendar days, called by the governor for a specific purpose set out in the proclamation. Any measures not specifically included in the call require a 2/3 majority vote for consideration and passage.

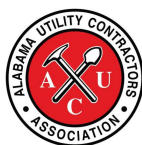
The first special session dealing with the prison infrastructure replacement and modernization plan, and criminal-justice reform bills concluded on October 1st in Montgomery. Legislators met for five days and approved a \$1.3B prison construction plan and a sentencing reform bill that Governor Ivey has signed into law.

AUCA 2022 Calendars:

AUCA has received a limited supply of 2022 AUCA Calendars. If you would like to have one of these hanging on your office wall before they're all gone, please contact the AUCA office and we will make arrangements for delivery.

G.C. Licensing Board Office Relocation:

The Alabama State Licensing Board for General Contractors will be relocating their office in Montgomery later this year. Executive Director Tiffany Loveless would like to decorate the new office with photographs of landmark projects that have been completed in the state by companies licensed and regulated by the Board. If your company has any unique project photos that you would like to submit for consideration, please contact Tiffany by email: tiffany.loveless@genconbd.alabama.gov, or by telephone at (334) 272-5030 extension #242.



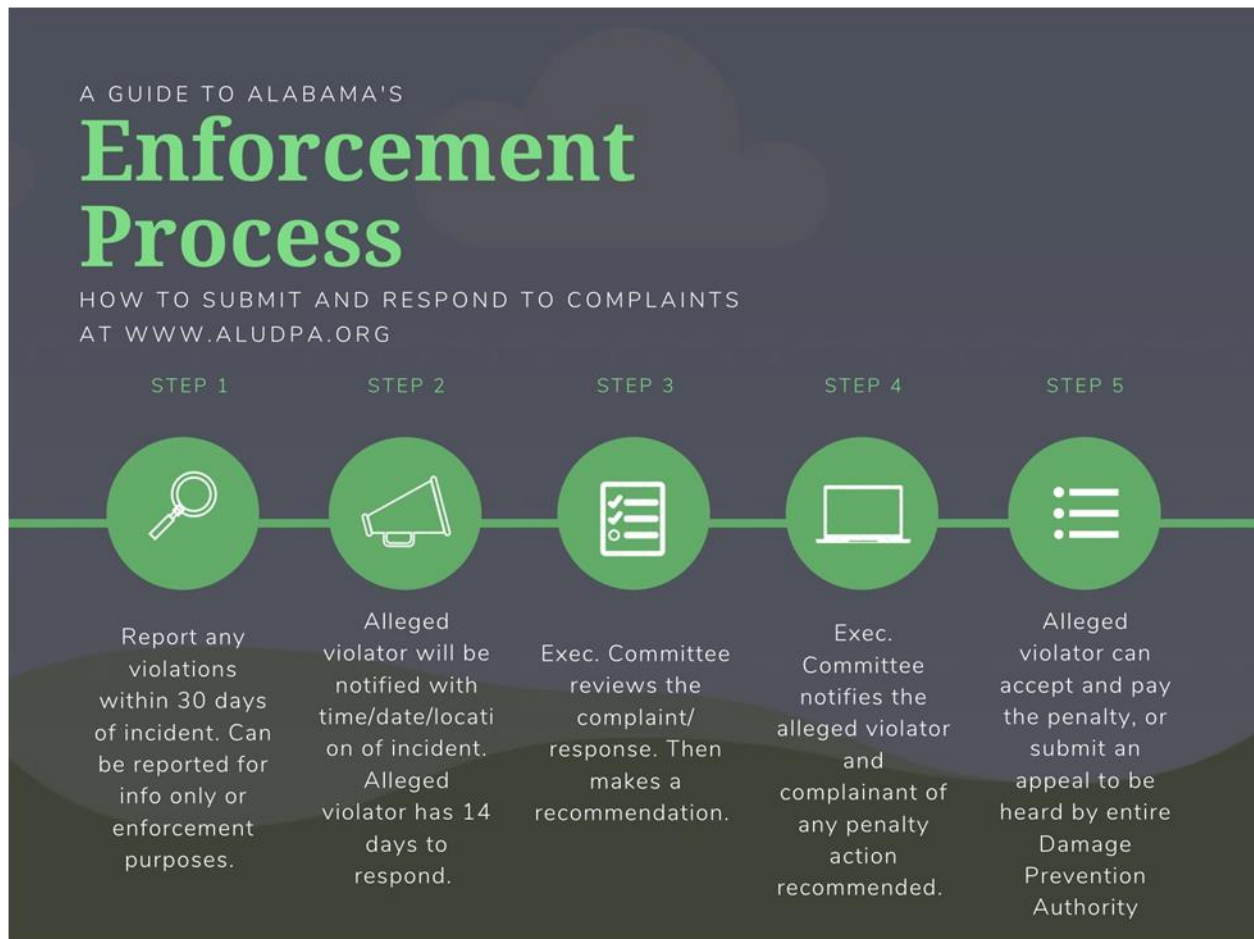
News & Notes:

Alabama Underground Damage Prevention Authority (ALUDPA)

The Alabama Underground Damage Prevention Authority (ALUDPA) was established for the purpose of enforcing the Alabama Underground Damage Prevention State Law, for reviewing penalty provisions, and for reviewing the adequacy of the Alabama State Law Enforcement Program.

The Enforcement Program is a complaint-driven process where a complaint may be submitted against an entity for violation of the Alabama Underground Damage Prevention State Law. A complaint may be submitted as information only and not designated for enforcement penalties.

A complaint may be submitted using the Complaint Form [at this Website](#) no later than 30 days after the occurrence of an alleged violation. The submitted Complaint Form is reviewed by the ALUDPA for determination of an alleged violation and for penalty provisions that may apply. The reported violator is then notified by the ALUDPA that a response may be submitted using the Response Form at this Website no later than 14 days after the ALUDPA notification.



Upcoming Meetings & Events:

AUCA "In-Person" Industry Lunch Meetings

Dates and Locations To Be Announced

***8th Annual Construction Industry Summit
(Presented By the Construction Industry Section
of the Alabama State Bar and Alabama AGC)***

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel — Birmingham

AUCA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

***AUCA 2022 Spring General Meeting,
Golf Tournament and Shrimp & Crawfish Boil***

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Arrowhead Country Club - Montgomery, AL

***AUCA 2022 Fall General Meeting
& Sporting Clay Shoot***

Thursday, October 13, 2022

Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club - Montgomery, AL



Clean Water Construction Coalition Report

From Dan Kennedy - Chairman CWCC & Sante Esposito - Key Advocates

October 6, 2021

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORK STALLS AS LEADERSHIP FAILS TO MEET DEADLINES FOR PASSAGE

As previously reported, Speaker Pelosi set a new deadline of October 31 for the House to pass the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill. In a "Dear Colleague" letter Pelosi said that "more time was needed" to pass the infrastructure bill along with the larger, \$3.5 trillion budget reconciliation package after scrambling over the past two days to get enough votes. The Speaker said she wants to pass the bipartisan bill by October 31, when the 30-day reauthorization of federal highway programs expires.

Within the report from Sante Esposito, who has been working tirelessly on behalf of the CWCC, you have all the details you need to keep your leadership / members informed. In summary, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework (BIF) would appropriate for FY22-26 \$12.838B for the Clean Water State SRF, starting at \$2.127B in FY22 and going up to \$2.828B in FY26, and \$35.713B over five years for the Safe Drinking Water SRF, starting at \$6.702B in FY22 and going up to \$7.403B in FY26. This would represent 2-4x increases in annual funding for the SRFs.

No appropriations are included for the Alternative Water Source Projects program (an authorization of \$125M over 5 fiscal years is). For the USBR, the bill appropriates \$8.3B for FY22-26 with an annual cap of \$1.66B per year. The bill lists a number of programs under USBR's jurisdiction with specific appropriated amounts but does not specify annual funding amounts for each program. Either the Interior Appropriations bill will make that decision or the USBR. For water recycling, the bill appropriates \$1B over 5 FY's, broken down to \$550M for Title XVI and WIIN Act grants and \$450M for "large scale" projects (those with project costs >\$500M). Again, regarding the \$550M, the bill doesn't break this down between the two programs, presumably leaving that to either the Interior Appropriations bill or the USBR. The bill also includes \$400M over 5 FY's for WaterSMART programs, \$1.2B for water storage and groundwater, and \$25M for desalination projects.

Other core infrastructure highlights include:

- \$110B for Roads, Bridges and Major Infrastructure Projects
- \$40B for Bridges
- \$16B for Major Surface Transportation Projects
- \$11B for Transportation Safety



Clean Water Construction Coalition Report

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- \$39B for Transit
- \$66B for Passenger and Freight Rail
- \$65B for Broadband
- \$17B for Ports
- \$25B for Airports
- \$7.5B for Zero and Low-Emission Buses and Ferries
- \$7.5B for Plug-In Electric Vehicle Chargers
- \$65B to Rebuild the Electric Grid
- \$21B for Superfund and Brownfield sites

We recommend you and your members continue to reach out to your representatives and encourage them to support the BIF on this new schedule. The recent showdown between President Biden / Speaker Pelosi and the Congressional Progressive Caucus was waged inside the DC beltway. It has now spilled out onto "Main Street" and was panned this weekend on Saturday Night Live.

Last week, CPC Chair Jayapal (D-Wash.) was quoted saying her members would tank last week's vote if the Senate doesn't pass the larger multi-trillion-dollar reconciliation bill first. They succeeded temporarily but now it is up to groups like ours to express our dissatisfaction and push for them to go back to keeping these issues separate. Past the branding of social programs as "human infrastructure" they have been and will always be separate matters in the court of public opinion.



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Fleet Safety:

Provided by J. Smith Lanier & Co., a Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC company

Watch out for Children this Halloween

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that Halloween is consistently one of the top three days for pedestrian injuries and fatalities, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that children are four times more likely to be struck by a motor vehicle on Halloween than any other day of the year.

Tips for helping keep young ones and yourself safe this Halloween:



- Slow down in residential neighborhoods and obey all traffic signs and signals. Drive at least 5 mph below the posted speed limit to give yourself extra time to react to children who may dart into the street.
- Many young children start trick-or-treating in the late afternoon/early evening, so be alert all day long. Watch for children walking on roadways, medians, and curbs.
- Look for children crossing the street. They may not be paying attention to traffic and cross the street mid-block or between parked cars.
- Turn on your headlights to make yourself more visible – even in the day light and especially at sunset.
- Broaden your scanning by looking for children left and right into yards and front porches.

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SOLELY TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE
UTILITY INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF
ALABAMA.***

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