

ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

**TIM AYERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OCTOBER 2024**

2024 AUCA Award Recipients:

**Outgoing President:
Jay Holcomb**



**Contractor of the Year:
Cleary Construction**



**Legislator of the Year:
Senator Gerald Allen**



**Associate Member of the Year:
Alabama Pipe & Supply**



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The 2024 AUCA Fall General Meeting was held at Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club in Montgomery on October 10th. A record crowd of attendees were treated to a delicious steak lunch, won great prizes, and heard an inspirational message from former University of Alabama and Dallas Cowboys Running Back Sherman Williams.

The AUCA Sporting Clay Shoot was also our largest attended event to date, with a record 39 teams between the morning and afternoon rounds. We appreciate the many sponsors, volunteers and participants that graciously made this possible.

Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot Recap:

Thanks to the incredible support by AUCA members for making our 2024 Fall General Meeting, PAC Raffle, and Sporting Clay Shoot another tremendous success.

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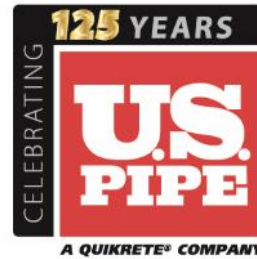


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AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle Winners

\$1,000 Cash Prize Winner:

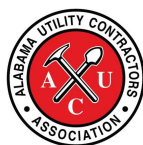
Phil Goodwin - U.S. Pipe

\$500 Cash Prize Winner:

Mike Tew - SJ&L, Inc.



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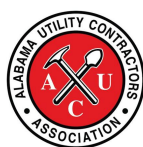
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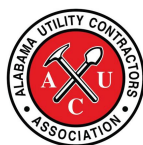
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Sherman Williams speaks to the record crowd that was on hand for the AUCA Fall General Meeting on October 10, 2024 at Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club in Montgomery.



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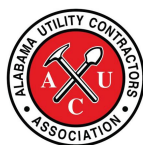
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1st Place Team - Alabama Pipe & Supply



Alabama Pipe & Supply - Rodney Breland Team
Each Team Member Received \$100 and a 1st Place Trophy

2nd Place Team Tractor & Equipment Company



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

3rd Place Team Elevation Development & Const.



Elevation Development & Construction Team
Each Team Member Received \$50 and a Trophy



News & Notes:

**ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The list of Officers and Directors below reflects the members elected to serve on the 2025 Leadership Team at the October 10, 2024 Fall General Meeting in Montgomery.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: ROBBIE BUTLER, *CLEARY CONSTRUCTION, INC.*

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: RONNIE GOLDEN, *CG JONES, LLC*

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: RANDY BISHOP, *CONSTRUCTION LABOR SERVICES, INC.*

SECRETARY/TREASURER: GAVIN JONES, *BAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS, INC.*

BOARD MEMBERS

DOUG BLANKENSHIP, *BLANKENSHIP CONTRACTING, INC.*

JAKE BROWN, *RUSSO CORP.*

BILL CARTER, *BILL CARTER CONSULTING, LLC*

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

ANDY HARSHMAN, *JOHN PLOTT COMPANY*

JAY HOLCOMB, *LAMBERT, INC.**

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

MARK MAYFIELD, *MILLER PIPELINE, LLC*

RYAN McCLENDON, *MARSHMcLENNAN AGENCY*

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.*

**IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT*



News & Notes:

President Biden Sets 10-Year Deadline to Replace All Lead Pipes:

As part of the Administration's ongoing commitment to clean water and environmental justice, President Biden announced a new deadline requiring all water utilities in the nation to replace lead service lines within the next ten years.

The new rule, issued by the Environmental Protection Agency, also pledges an additional \$2.6 billion to be invested for drinking water upgrades and lead pipe replacements, supplementing the \$15 billion in federal funding made available through the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The EPA estimates that water utilities must replace about nine million lead pipes at a total cost of \$20 billion to \$30 billion over the ten-year duration.

The new rule also lowers the allowable amount of lead to 10 parts per billion, down from the current 15 parts per billion. If the water supply exceeds the new threshold, utilities will be required to make water filters available to the effected community.

Administration officials have stated that 99% of cities across the country should be able to meet the ten-year deadline, though some may take more time. Cities like Chicago containing a particularly large number of lead pipes would be permitted to go beyond the mark.

AUCA New Member Companies:

Truvac

Streator, IL

Company Representative: Andrew Bruce

www.truvac.com

Stone Equipment Company, Inc.

Montgomery, AL

Company Representative: Doug Stone

www.stoneequipmentco.com

AUCA 2025 Calendars:

AUCA will soon be receiving a supply of 2025 AUCA Calendars. If you would like to have one of these popular items hanging on your office wall, please contact the AUCA office and we will make arrangements for delivery before they're all gone.



News & Notes:

Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors Code Changes:

Legislative Act 2024-277, effective October 1, 2024, will have the following changes to the Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors section of the Code of Alabama. The changes include an increase to the minimum contract amount from fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) and clarification on the exemption of labor brokers. The specific updated sections are below:

Section 34-8-1(a) & (c) Definitions: ...

- (a) For the purpose of this chapter, a "general contractor" is defined to be one who, for a fixed price, commission, fee, or wage undertakes to construct or superintend or engage in the construction, alteration, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, remediation, reclamation, or demolition of any building, highway, sewer, structure, site work, grading, paving or project or any improvement in the State of Alabama where the cost of the undertaking is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more. A Person who does any of the activities described in this subsection shall be deemed to have engaged in the business of general contracting in the State of Alabama.
- (c) For the purpose of this chapter a "subcontractor" is defined to be one who constructs, superintends, or engages in the construction, alteration, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, remediation, reclamation, or demolition of any building, highway, sewer, structure, site work, grading, paving, or project or any improvement in the State of Alabama where the cost of the undertaking is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more under contract to general contractor as defined in subsection (a) or another subcontractor.

Section 34-8-7(a)(8) Exemptions from Chapter:

(a) The following shall be exempted from this chapter: ...

(8) The provision of temporary labor by a labor broker or other temporary labor provider that provides workers to a general contractor to perform work under the supervision and control of that general contractor. For the purposes of licensing, temporary workers are deemed to fall under the license of the general contractor to whom they are provided. This exemption does not allow labor brokers or other temporary Labor providers to act as subcontractors or to assume a scope of work for a project as a subcontractor.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Board's office if you have any questions.

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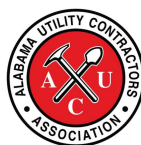
Alabama Electrical Contractors Board:

The Alabama Licensing Board for General Contractors (GCB) entered into an interagency agreement on September 6, 2024, with the Alabama Electrical Contractors Board (ECB) to provide administrative management services, including providing an Executive Director for the ECB. The existing management services contract is set to expire on September 30, 2024. At that time, the newly appointed ECB Executive Director, Tiffany Loveless, will take over day-to-day operations of the ECB in addition to her Executive Director duties for the GCB. Both entities will remain separate and select GCB employees will provide services to the ECB as deemed necessary to fulfill the interagency agreement.

Listed below is the updated contact information for the Alabama Electrical Contractors Board:

Mailing Address:
445 Dexter Ave, Suite 3060
Montgomery, AL 36104

Website:
<https://aecb.alabama.gov/>



Upcoming Meetings & Events:

AUCA Industry Lunch Meetings
Dates and Locations To Be Announced

OSHA Competent Person Training Classes
Dates and Locations To Be Announced

Alabama 811 Legislative Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024

AUCA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2024

***AUCA 2025 Spring General Meeting,
Golf Tournament and Shrimp & Crawfish Boil***
Thursday, April 24, 2025
Arrowhead Country Club
Montgomery, AL



***AUCA 2025 Fall General Meeting
& Sporting Clay Shoot***
Thursday, October 16, 2025
Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club
Montgomery, AL



Clean Water Construction Coalition Report

From Ryan Sharpe - Chairman CWCC & Sante Esposito - Key Advocates

October 1, 2024

Congress Passes Continuing Resolution, Avoiding Government Shutdown Before Recess

After much infighting over a six-month stopgap funding bill, Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) last week to keep the government up and running through December 30, narrowly avoiding a government shutdown before commencing recess.

Lawmakers will not be returning to Washington until after the November election, at which time election of leadership positions and orientation for new Congressional Representatives will take priority.

Projected outcomes beyond the December 30 CR deadline will largely depend on the results of the November election.

General Appropriations Status

Of the 12 Appropriations bills, five have passed the house while seven have passed the House Appropriations Committee. The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved 11 bills with no action on the 12th and no floor action on any of the 11.

In the upper house, the Senate Appropriations Committee has passed a bill that would provide \$1.63 billion in overall spending for Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF). Including the reduction from earmarks, Clean Water SRF's are set to receive a total of \$1.27 billion from the Senate. The House has passed a bill that would provide \$1.2 billion to CWSRF, reduced to \$649 million after earmarks.

Safe Drinking Water SRF's are slated to receive \$1.12 billion in funding from the Senate bill, if passed, while the House-passed bill appropriates \$883.5 million. Assuming earmarks as a takedown from base funding, allocations for the Safe Drinking Water SRF's are projected to be \$883.6 million in the Senate bill and \$404 million in the House legislation.

WIIN Grant Funding

Of the House and Senate Committee approved appropriations bills, the House has agreed to \$30 million to be appropriated for Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Grants, while the Senate has approved \$20 Million.

CWCC Appropriations Requests

The CWCC continues to advocate for funding at a minimum of \$4.4 billion for Clean Water SRF's, \$4.3 billion for Safe Drinking Water SRF's and minimum \$20 million for WIIN grant funding.



Clean Water Construction Coalition Report

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In addition, the Coalition opposes the use of earmarks. If unavoidable, earmarks are requested not as takedown but a separate budget account in the lesser of the House and Senate earmark funding amounts and less than FY24 in totality.

House Republican FY25 House Budget Proposal

Currently, no further action is expected on the House Budget Resolution. Highlights of the resolution include capping discretionary spending at a one percent rate of increase year-to-year, growing each year by one percent over the next ten years. The resolution anticipates discretionary spending to come down by \$2.5 trillion, reducing deficits by \$16.3 trillion over the next ten years and resulting in a surplus of \$130 billion.

The Democrat-controlled Senate has taken no action to date and will likely dispute relative to partisan goals.

Other Issues

The Coalition has continued to work closely with Senator Butler's staff on a new version of the STREAM Act. The Act would provide \$750 million for surface and groundwater storage and conveyance projects, \$300 million for water recycling, \$250 million for environmental restoration, \$150 million for desalination projects and \$100 million for drinking water projects in disadvantaged communities. The bill was introduced in June, given a hearing in July and now awaits its next assignment.

The CWCC continues to support the Garamendi NPDES Permit Amendment to H.R. 7023, allowing the EPA to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for certain public works at an increased threshold of up to ten years instead of five. Senate action still pending.

Action is still pending on the CWCC-backed "DROUGHT" Act of 2024, increasing the federal funding share from 80% to 90% for projects in areas with extreme drought, including those in disadvantaged communities.

The Coalition continues to seek additional funding for the Alternative Water Source Program and Mega Recycled Water projects.



Halloween Safety:

Provided by The National Safety Council

Simple Steps for an Extra Safe Halloween

Costume Safety

To help ensure adults and children have a safe holiday, the American Academy of Pediatrics has compiled a list of Halloween safety tips. Before Halloween arrives, be sure to choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

- All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant
- If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks
- When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
- Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

When They're on the Prowl

Here's a scary statistic: Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents. Keep these tips in mind when your children are out on Halloween night:

- A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds
- If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you
- Agree on a specific time children should return home
- Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends
- Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home
- Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Safety Tips for Motorists

NSC offers these additional safety tips for parents – and anyone who plans to be on the road during trick-or-treat hours:

- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully
- At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing
- Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween



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SHIELD trench walls with trench boxes



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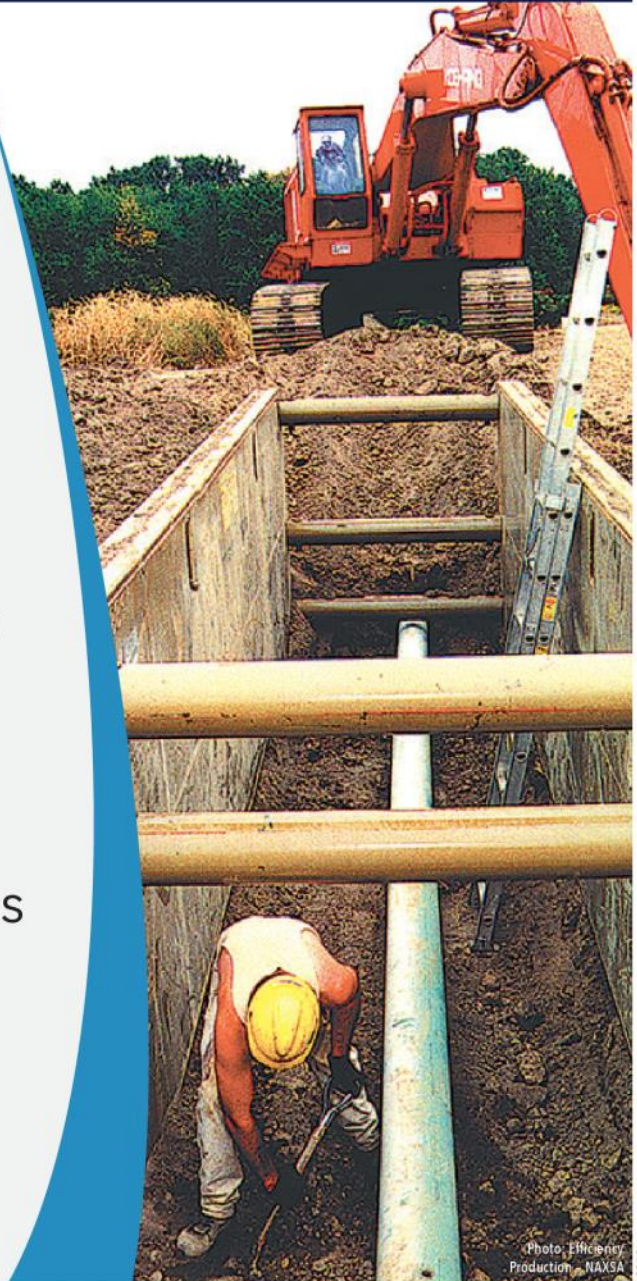


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