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### **Upcoming Events**

### March 7th

Young Professionals Social (40 & under) Seven Bridges 6:00 PM

# March 20th-23rd NUCA Annual Convention & Exhibit, Palm Springs, CA



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### March 26th

Sunshine 811, Locate and Legislative Update Meeting Doubletree Riverfront 6:00 pm

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear friends and NUCA members,

I hope this message finds you well and this year is starting to take shape into a productive and successful year for all of us. Thank you to all our monthly sponsors and events sponsors with the NUCA of North Florida Golf Tournament quickly approaching. We still have some event sponsorships available for the Golf Tournament for those who are interested.

We had a great turn out for the Jacksonville Icemen game for entertaining and lively event.

We have our first Young Professionals Event upcoming on March 7<sup>th</sup> at Seven Bridges at 6:00 PM. Be sure to communicate with your rising stars so that the future of our association and industry may build the relationship to keep our industry green and growing.

We have our March general meeting on the 27th at the Doubletree Riverfront and ask that you RSVP for this event. The speaker at this event will be Brad Martin with Sunshine 811 and the locate companies. Also, in attendance, Kari Hebrank will be providing us with a legislative update following our legislative session.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If there is anything we can do to assist you do not hesitate to call.

Best Regards,

Caleb

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Upcoming Events**

March 7th
Young Professionals
Seven Bridges

6:00 pm

March 12th

Executive Committee 3:30 pm

March 20-23rd

NUCA Annual Convention & Exhibit Palm Springs, CA

March 26th

Board of Directors Meeting Doubletree Riverfront 4:30 pm

March 26th

Legislative Update & Sunshine 811 & Locate Meeting Doubletree Hotel Jacksonville Riverfront 6:00 pm

### The Law and Your Business

### The Law and Your Business – The Corporate Transparency Act of 2024 Tony Zebouni, Lindell, Farson & Zebouni, P.A.

As of Jan. 1, 2024, many businesses will be required to report beneficial ownership information to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) to identify those who directly or indirectly own or control the company. This requirement stems from the enactment of the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA) passed with the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021.

The reporting requirements generally are applicable to small corporations, limited liability companies (LLCs) and other similar entities that:

• have 20 or fewer full-time employees; and filed federal income taxes in the previous year demonstrating \$5 million or less in gross receipts or sales.

Reporting companies formed on or after January 1, 2024, must report the following within 90 days of being formed:

- Information about the reporting company: full name of the reporting company, any trade name or "DBA," a complete current address (for U.S. companies, the principal place of business), the state or tribal jurisdiction of formation or registration, IRS Tax ID number and Employer Identification Number (EIN), or a tax ID number issued by a foreign jurisdiction and the name of the issuing jurisdiction.
- Information on certain major owners or members of management (Beneficial Owners): full legal name of the individual, date of birth of the individual, current address, and unique identifying number from either a U.S. passport; state, local, or tribal identification document; driver's license; or foreign passport if the individual does not possess any of the above documents.

Additionally, for entities created or registered on or after the effective date, the company applicants must be reported. This includes both the paralegal and supervising attorney for entities whose formation documents were prepared at a law firm.

Importantly, any change to information reported about the Company or its Beneficial Owners must be reported within 30 days of the occurrence. Examples of changes that must be reported include a change of the company's address, a change in a Beneficial Owner's address or name, and a transfer of a beneficial owner's interest after death. Failure to file the initial report or to update the report with changes to Beneficial Owner information will result in penalties of \$500 per day, with a maximum penalty of \$10,000 and possible imprisonment for up to two years.

Under the CTA, a Beneficial Owner is any individual who, directly or indirectly, either exercises substantial control or owns or controls at least 25 percent of the ownership interest of the reporting company. "Control" under the act is broadly applied to include: (i) individuals who serve as senior officers (president, c-suite officers, general counsel, or other officers serving a similar function) or have the authority to remove such positions and/or (ii) individuals who direct, determine, or have substantial influence over important decisions of the company, such as major expenditures, the nature and scope of the business, compensation schemes, or similar.

Beneficial ownership information reporting is not an annual requirement. A report only needs to be submitted once, unless the filer needs to update or correct information.

### NUCA of FLORIDA TALLAHASSEE LEGISLATIVE DAYS

We kicked off our legislative days early with some members attending a committee meeting where SB 708 was being heard. This bill would extend the marking and response time for Sunshine 811 One Call. Several members of our group testified against this bill on behalf of NUCA of Florida. We were grateful for our friend Senator Tracey Davis who asked questions of the bills sponsor Senator Burton and who ultimately ended up voting no on the bill because she said there were too many unanswered questions.

On Tuesday, Representative Toby Overdorf, an environmental consultant, joined us to discuss bills moving through the house. Toby is a friend to our industry and one of the few people who had spoken up earlier in the week against the Sunshine 811 bill in the House Commerce Committee. Kari then gave us a legislative briefing on all of issues so we would be prepared to discuss them with our legislators.

The key issues for this legislative session were: Public Construction (HB 705 & SB 742), Workplace Heat Illness Preemption (HB 433 & SB 1492), Sunshine 811 Board of Directors-Underground Contractor (SB 492), Career & Technical Education (CTE) (HB917 & SB460) were all bills were supported. Bills we were opposed to: Sunshine State "One Call" 811 Legislation (HB 825 & SB708), Buy American US.S. Produced Iron & Steel (HB 779 & SB674).

As we do ever year, we always ask for increase funding for Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving State Fund and Water Restoration Assistance programs for water pollution control, small community sewer construction and safe drinking water initiatives as well as efforts to enhance our infrastructure resiliency, address sea level rise and flooding issues and adequately fund local transportation and state highway infrastructure.

If you would like a copy of our Legislative Days brochure, please email at nucanf@gmail.com.



### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Please join me in welcoming the following company who recently joined our chapter.

### First Citizens Bank

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#### **Congress Punts FY2024 Funding Bills To March**

Congress returned for work on January 9 to begin an arduous sprint where the GOP-controlled House and Democrat-controlled Senate must resolve significant differences over transportation and other government funding in a short period of time. Remaining funding bills including FY2024 Interior-Environment (which contain this industry's EPA SRF resources) have a Feb. 2 deadline, by which point a possible partial government shutdown would turn to a full one. Meanwhile, the beginnings of the appropriations process for FY2025 will soon be upon us and NUCA will be there to defend the resources we use to improve this nation's infrastructure.

On Jan. 4, Congressional leaders announced a "top-line" funding agreement, and in theory, our industry would see the SRF funding restored at FY2023 levels. While that does not address future infrastructure requirements, it is not the \$2 billion cut advanced by the GOP House. However, the devil is in the details and NUCA continues to monitor this progress as the final bills are written. Over the weekend, reports emerged that Congressional leadership had agreed to yet another Continuing Resolution – this time moving the deadlines to March 1 and March 8 – all but guaranteeing some degree of overlap between FY2024 and FY2025 appropriations work.

#### **House Passes Reauthorization Bill for Business Taxes**

The House passed 357-70 on Feb. 1 the "Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act" (HR 7024), a bipartisan \$79 billion tax reform package that would address several important tax issues facing our industry, including reauthorizing key expiring provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. This important legislation, supported by NUCA and many other business and trade associations, would help construction firms and their suppliers purchase new equipment and better manage payroll during the rollout of major federal infrastructure investment, as well as help encourage investment in research and development, technology. The bill would also help simplify taxes for many businesses. The bill now moves to the Senate for action.

### **EPA Announces Expanded Wastewater Infrastructure Pilot Program**

The Biden Administration said Feb. 13 it would expand a pilot initiative to 150 additional communities, up from 11 at its start, to help them get access to federal wastewater funds. Radhika Fox, the EPA's top water official, said the expanded Closing America's Wastewater Access Gap Community Initiative would be geared toward low-income and rural communities. The program began in 2022 and provides these under-served communities with technical assistance so that they can better assess their needs, create plans and apply for funding.

#### NUCA at 60: Contractors, Come To The 2024 Annual Convention & Exhibit in California!

This year is NUCA's 60th anniversary, and what better way to celebrate it than at the elegant high desert resort hosting our NUCA's 2024 Annual Convention & Exhibit. Member contractors & suppliers are invited to join us March 20-23 in Palm Springs, California for the industry's best networking events, educational sessions, industry awards, and much more. Our luxury destination at the Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa will entice you and your guest with its many delights. Registration is open at <a href="NUCADigs.com">NUCADigs.com</a>. Please register today, as hotel rooms will sell out.

#### In 2024, Share The Details About Trenchless Tech Efficiency

Are you seeking to know more about horizontal direction drilling, or auger boring, or wish your city's administrators did, too? NUCA's "Trenchless Construction and New Installation Methods" manual can help your estimators, engineers, and project managers recognize that trenchless technology could deliver large cost savings to your excavation projects. The 148-page, full-color illustrated manual carefully addresses and explains the most common trenchless installation methods. This year, buy a copy for your local planning department as a professional gift to introduce their staff to these cost-efficient subsurface construction methods. The manual is available exclusively from NUCA and can be ordered online at <a href="https://www.nuca.com/trenchlessmanual">www.nuca.com/trenchlessmanual</a>.

### SAFETY NEWS

By Jeff Blomgren Safety Director at Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors

### **Hazard Recognition**

How many times have we heard, "I didn't see it coming!"? Most of the time it's because we weren't looking. Hazard recognition is something that has to be learned. There's a formula that's been used for years in construction called "the 20-20-20 approach". The idea is that we should stop every 20 minutes and take 20 seconds to look 20 feet around us to identify hazards in our work area. Another way to describe this hazard recognition is to be aware of our immediate surroundings. It's called "situational awareness". Where am I and why am I here? That may sound like we don't exactly know. There are times we all have been in, or seen, where that's exactly what happens. Is there anything that can be a hazard to me where I am going or where I am? I sometimes sit in the parking lot of some big box store waiting for my wife to get done shopping and I watch people coming and going. Half of them are on their phones pushing a cart full of purchases and not paying attention to the crosswalk and then there's the driver on a cell phone who misses the crosswalk stop and nearly hits the pedestrian. All because neither person was looking for hazards. "Look Twice For Motorcycles!". How do you think that saying came about? It's because we are conditioned to look once and go. Like looking at only the oncoming traffic to see your way clear to enter traffic and suddenly there's a jogger from the opposite direction right in your path because you didn't look in that direction. Railroad crossings are another example. "Stop Look Listen" seen on country roads is a hazard warning, and I have seen, personally, the results of ignoring the warning with disastrous results. Training ourselves and the people we work with to be aware of things that could affect them negatively is a priority that can't be ignored. Take time to teach people the value of recognizing hazards. It may save a life.

"A near-miss is a potential hazard or incident in which no property was damaged and no personal injury was sustained, but where, given a slight shift in time or position, damage or injury easily could have occurred. Near misses also may be referred to as close calls, near accidents, or injury-free events." National Safety Council

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#### **NUCA ANNUAL CONVENTION & EXHIBIT**

MARCH 20-23, 2024

Hyatt Regency Indian Wells Resort & Spa

#### Who should attend this year?

The contractors, engineers, and operations managers who are responsible for your business's success.

The 2024 NUCA Convention & Exhibit offers your attendees an opportunity to collaborate with industry leaders confronting the same daily issues.

As part of the NUCA family, you cannot miss attending the 60th Anniversary celebration to understand where we came from, see where we are going, reflect on our past, and be equipped to succeed in the future.

Gain the insider tools you need to develop a successful utility construction business at the 2024 NUCA Convention & Exhibit!

### Learning From The Past Will Make Us Better Equipped For The Future

- How similar-sized firms are preparing for the infrastructure boom
- Avoiding the pitfalls that others experienced
- Connect with fellow members who can help you when that job is just a bit bigger than you estimated
- Discover innovative ways to develop your workforce
- High-tech tools to manage your business using less manpower and reduced costs
- Learn the latest trends from our leading National Partner vendors

#NUCA2024 will help you expand your network, build your workforce, and finish a job profitably.

Registration is now open! Please visit our Convention website: **NUCAdigs.com.** 

### **Board Member Spotlight—Hunter Pruitt**

We are pleased to have Hunter as one of our newest board members.



Tell us about the services your company provides.

Vallencourt Construction provides clearing, earthwork, underground and roadwork to offer a turnkey site development service.

What is your business philosophy?

Last Price First

What are your hobbies or interests outside of work? Family & Fishing

What is your favorite travel location?

Anywhere in the mountains

If you could have dinner with anyone, living or deceased, who would it be and why?

My great granddad, just to talk and tell old family stories

What are you currently reading?

Extreme Ownership

### **Grill master or reservations?**

I would like to say Grill master but Reservations seem to be more common these days.



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### TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN

2024 Trench Safety Stand Down June 17th -21st 2024

Thank you for your participation and keeping your employees safe!

#### 2024 NUCANF Golf Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

### St. Johns Golf & Country Club Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, 12:30 p.m. "Shotgun" Start

For all sponsorships, your company will be acknowledged at the awards dinner the evening of the tournament and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, <u>The Flow</u>, and the state association publication, <u>The Ditchmen</u>. There will also be signs at the event.

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Email to nucanf@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

### **JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN GAME HIGHLIGHTS**

We had a great turnout for our night at the Jacksonville Icemen on Friday night February 16th. We sold over 130 tickets to the game. It was great to see so many members out with their families. A few lucky kids were able to go for a quick ride on the Fanboni before the game.

It was once again Military Appreciation Night and we were proud to be part of such a great event for all the brave military past and present who serve our country in Jacksonville and beyond.

It was an action packed night between the Icemen and the Florida Everblades with lots of shots on goals, and several fights but only a couple of goals. The Icemen went on to win the game in overtime with a score of 2 to 1. The Jacksonville Icemen have extended their point streak to nine games after collecting the overtime victory on Friday night.





Do you have a son or daughter currently in college or ready to start college this Summer or Fall? NUCA of North Florida, Inc. has the following scholarships available:

Mike Allen Scholarship is for any high school Sr., High School graduate, Undergraduate College Student or Graduate Student who is the daughter or son of a NUCANF member company employee and will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education, beginning in September. Enrollment may be in any curriculum for any number of years. This may be a four-year college or a community college anywhere in the United States. The Mike Allen Scholarship is a \$3,000 one-time award. Special consideration will be given to those pursuing degrees in a construction related field. You can get an application on our website at <a href="https://www.nucanf.com">www.nucanf.com</a> at the bottom of the home page, click Undergraduate/Graduate Application. Call the NUCANF office at (904) 612-8692 if you have questions. **Application deadline is May 15th.** 

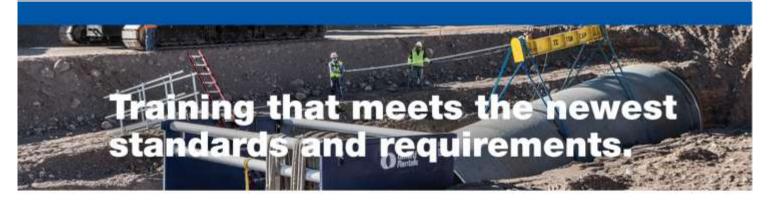
**J. Richard Baker** is for any high school student or high school graduate who is the daughter or son of a NUCANF member company employee and will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education or trade school (such as Welding, HVAC, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical etc.), beginning this summer or fall. Enrollment may be in any curriculum for any number of years. The J. Richard Baker Scholarship is a \$3,000 one-time award. You can get an application on our website at <a href="www.nucanf.com">www.nucanf.com</a> at the bottom of the home page, click New College Students/Trade School Application. Call the NUCANF office at (904) 612-8692 if you have questions. **Application deadline is May 15th.** 

**NUCA Scholarships** Funded by the NUCA Foundation for Education and Research, four scholarships are available ranging from \$1,000 to \$8,000. Any high school senior whose parent or legal guardian is employed by a NUCA member company in good standing at the time of the application deadline may apply. Student employees, including part-time employees, are also eligible. The applicant must be graduating from high school in 2022 and enrolling full time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university for his or her freshman year beginning in the fall of 2024. You can get an application on-line at <a href="https://www.nuca.com/scholarships">www.nuca.com/scholarships</a>. **Application deadline is May 30<sup>th</sup>**.

Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship is also available from our state office, NUCA of Florida. Any seniors in high school or any student pursuing an undergraduate degree are eligible. Previous recipients may reapply. This scholarship is available to all NUCANF member firms. 2024 Applications will be available soon at <a href="https://www.nucaflorida.org/about/asjmsf-scholarship/">www.nucaflorida.org/about/asjmsf-scholarship/</a>. Application deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.



### MARCH FEATURED SPONSOR



#### CONFINED SPACE ENTRY TRAINING

Confined Space Entry Training is available for all workers who may enter, supervise entry or be adversely affected from confined spaces. Our training courses are designed to help workers identify any potential hazards associated with a confined space.

The course also addresses new 29 CFR 1926 standards and requirements including the duties and responsibilities for an Authorized Entrant, Attendant, Entry Supervisor and Rescue Personnel.

#### Training topics

- · Permit requirements for confined space
- · Use of gas monitoring equipment
- · Proper ventilation of confined space

- · Duties of supervisors, entrants and attendants
- · Alternate entry procedures

#### **EXCAVATION SAFETY COMPETENT PERSON TRAINING**

Qualified/Competent Person Training is designed for all employees involved in trenching work, including job foremen, job superintendents, engineers and any personnel involved in underground projects.

According to OSHA 29 CFR 1926 Subpart (US) and CCOHS (Canada), every excavation must have a designated Qualified/Competent Person to manage the safety aspects of the site. To properly carry out Qualified/Competent Person responsibilities, this individual must have training in, and be knowledgeable of, soil analysis, the use of protective systems and the requirements of the standard.

Additional responsibilities include identifying existing and predictable hazards in the work environment and possessing the authority to take prompt corrective action.

#### **Training topics**

- · Introduction to trench safety
- The OSHA/CCOHS excavation standard
- · Competent person responsibilities
- · Sloping, shoring, shielding guidelines

- · Protective systems options
- Soil analysis
- · Job planning

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