

# AGC of Greater Milwaukee Labor & Legal Update

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The *Labor & Legal Update* is provided as part of the AGC of Greater Milwaukee's Labor Relations Program, and is an essential resource designed to help keep you informed on the latest labor and legal developments in the local construction industry. AGC members and affiliates are encouraged to contact AGC's General Counsel, Nathan Jurowski, with any questions or comments regarding this publication, at (414) 778-4104 or [njurowski@agc-gm.org](mailto:njurowski@agc-gm.org).

## 2017 Collective Bargaining Update

### 2017 AGC Collective Bargaining Survey

#### ***Your Feedback Today Will Help Shape the Labor Agreements for Years to Come***

We are approaching a critical juncture in labor relations and are seeking input from all union contractors as we prepare for collective bargaining this spring.

The members of our bargaining committees have been identified and are ready for your feedback. Your input will help ensure that all issues and concerns are properly addressed at the bargaining table.

**Please take a moment to complete and return the [2017 AGC Collective Bargaining Survey](#).**

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## 2017 Federal Regulations

### Keeping Up with the Trump Administration

#### ***Turning Construction Industry Opponents into Construction Industry Partners***

The AGC of America (AGC) is hard at work, helping the Trump Administration build a construction-friendly regulatory environment.

The AGC recently issued two publications with the goal of inspiring the incoming administration to take action. [The Regulatory Road Ahead](#) features many of the more pressing regulations recently adopted by the Federal Government, and summarizes the necessary steps to ensure a more favorable environment for contractors. [Make Federal Agencies Responsible Again](#) is a regulatory, compliance and enforcement plan to help build infrastructure, encourage job growth and cut red tape.

**These advisory pieces are designed to halt and unwind new and existing legislation, address executive overreach, and promote sensible, feasible and reasonable regulation through reform.**

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## 2017 Economic Forecast

## Expected Strong Growth to Lead to Expanded Headcounts

### ***But Only if the Trump Administration Makes Good on its Promised Reforms***

The AGC of America (AGC) reports that seventy-three percent of construction firms plan to expand headcounts in 2017 as contractors expect strong demand from public and private sectors.

In a [press release](#), issued Tuesday, January 10, 2017, the AGC reported that the economic outlook is strong for 2017, but may depend on the Trump Administration following through with campaign promises to invest in infrastructure, reform healthcare, and roll back regulations. The full report, [Expecting a Post-Election Bump: The 2017 Construction Hiring and Business Outlook](#), is available, as well as the [National 2017 Construction Outlook Survey Results](#).

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## Federally Mandated Paid Sick Leave

### Here to stay?

#### ***The Construction Industry is Poised for Repeal***

Federal contractors are now required to provide up to 56 hours of paid sick leave to employees for work performed on or in connection with federal contracts solicited on or after January 1, 2017. Further details are available through the [US Dept. of Labor](#).

This new regulation faces much rebuke from construction industry organizations, such as the AGC of America, which, in a recent [news release](#), stated that it plans to work with the Trump Administration and Congress to repeal this burdensome regulation. The AGC of Greater Milwaukee will continue to report on the progress of these efforts.

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## Educational Programming Calendar

### Constructive Advice to Save You Time and Money

#### ***Mark Your Calendar!***

As a reminder, the AGC of Greater Milwaukee offers the following programs designed to keep you compliant with state regulations and up-to-date on vital aspects of the law, and features industry experts and legal professionals.

**Wisconsin Lien Law**, February 7<sup>th</sup>

**Attorney Brian Zimmerman**, Hurtado Zimmerman, S.C.

**Employment Law: Worker's Compensation**, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**David Leix**, CSP, Safety & Risk Manager, Worker's Compensation Division, WI-DWD

**Sales & Use Tax for Contractors**, April 5<sup>th</sup>

**Holly Hoffman**, Sales Tax Specialist & Speakers Bureau Coordinator, WI-DOR

**Change Orders and the Clauses that Govern**, April 26<sup>th</sup>

**Nathan Jurowski**, General Counsel, AGC of Greater Milwaukee

**The State of Labor Relations and the Pension Plan**, June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Mike Gantert**, Executive Direct, Building Trades United Pension Trust Fund (BTUPTF)

**Nathan Jurowski**, General Counsel, AGC of Greater Milwaukee

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