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The Estimator

President's Comments



Now that we have all recovered (hopefully) from the "Blizzard of 2015", it's time to start thinking of Spring & warmer weather... and of course PCEA National Convention! I am thrilled to invite all PCEA members and their guests to the 41st Annual National Convention at the Sea Palms Resort in St. Simons Island, GA!

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Welcome New Members

Catawba Valley Chapter
Russell Byrd
ECS Carolinas, LLP

Charlotte Chapter
Karie Donaldson
Carolina Material Handling

Eric Rothrock

Energy Department's Oak Ridge National Laboratory Unveils New Crowdsourcing Website for Building Technologies

As part of the Energy Department's efforts to improve the energy efficiency of the nation's homes and buildings, lower energy costs, and enhance U.S. competitiveness in manufacturing, the Energy Department today launched the new Buildings Crowdsourcing Community website. Administered by the Department's Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), the new site, buildings.ideascale.com, will help technology innovators collect, share and evaluate input from customers and other stakeholders about next-generation building technologies.

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Local PCEA Chapters "Spring Forward" with Great Chapter Events

Several PCEA Chapters share what programs and events they have had so far this year, as well as programs and events they are looking forward to in the near future.

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Health and Happiness

Coastal Plains National Director, Don Howard recently underwent surgery to remove

National PCEA Gearing Up for a Great Convention

Mark your calendars and plan to join us as we kick off another great PCEA National Convention! This year the event is being held April 29 - May 3, 2015 at the Sea Palms Golf & Tennis Resort in beautiful St. Simons Island, GA.

[Get full details and registration information](#)

Construction Industry Cost Trends 2015

Housing grew in 2014 at a rate slightly lower than expected. Annual housing starts are in the one million range and have a way to go before getting us back to a healthier 1.4 to 1.5 million units. Commercial is following in certain areas of the country, but still at a lower rate. Housing will be up approximately 6% this year and commercial up

Crescent Communities

Fayetteville Chapter

Terry Byrd
TCP Concrete

Orlando Chapter

Randy Keller
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squamous cell carcinoma from base of his tongue. Although some pre-cancerous cells remain, he has been released as cancer free but will be monitored frequently. If cancer re-occurs, another surgery will be required, followed by radiation and chemo, if needed.

Past CSRA Chapter President, James Walter Hutto, Jr. (55) passed away December 11, 2014

Past National President Ray Currin's wife, Deborah "Chris" Currin, passed away suddenly on February 16, 2015

Charter Member and Past Catawba Valley Chapter President, Sam Jordan (76) passed on on February 28, 2015



about 5%. Public construction is beginning to show some life. Overall, construction will most likely continue on an upward tick for 2015, a good direction to be going in.

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Your Opinion Matters

We always enjoy hearing from our members. After all, you are our most valuable asset! Are we doing a great job? Are we doing a "not so great" job? What programs, benefits, and services would you like to see that aren't currently offered? Your feedback is a valuable tool for the PCEA leadership. The positive feedback gives us confirmation of the areas in which we are meeting or exceeding our members needs. The negative feedback provides insight on the areas we need to focus our attention to improve service, programs and benefits.

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