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Unemployment Insurance Input & Public Hearing

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) encourages the public to submit comments about the state's Unemployment Insurance (UI) system to the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council (UIAC). The Council is taking public comments on suggested reforms to the state's UI laws through **November 18th, 2016**. The comments will help form the Council's legislative agenda during the following year.

Comments may be submitted by email UILawChange@dwd.wisconsin.gov or via the U.S. Postal Service:

Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council
Attn: Janell Knutson, Chair
P.O. Box 8942
Madison, WI 53708

The Council will also take comments at a public hearing on **November 17th, 2016**. The hearing will be administered in Madison and broadcast live through video at six locations throughout the state. Hearing attendees will be able to share reform ideas with the UIAC in real time at any of the seven locations:

Unemployment Insurance Law Public Hearing
Thursday, November 17th, 2016
3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Eau Claire
UW-Eau Claire
Old Library
Room 2110
105 Garfield Avenue

Green Bay
UW-Green Bay
Instructional Services
Room 1034
2420 Nicolet Drive

La Crosse
Western Technical College
Health Sciences Center
Room 2002
1300 Badger Street

Madison
UW-Extension
The Pyle Center
Room 227
702 Langdon Street

Milwaukee
UW-Milwaukee
Lubar Hall
Room S250
3202 N. Maryland Avenue

Superior
WITC-Superior Campus
Conference Center B
Room C-108
600 North 21 Street

Wausau
Northcentral Technical College
Center for Business and Industry
Room 127
1000 West Campus Drive

The UIAC has an even number of employer and employee representatives who meet monthly to recommend law changes and analyze legislative proposals that affect the state's UI program.

WRMCA will draft a one page guidance document for proposed public comments. Please let us know if you are able to attend a public hearing on November 17th.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

WRMCA Welcomes New Members

The WRMCA is pleased to welcome new member:

- ◆ **Skyway Cement** - Slag Cement, <http://www.skywaycement.com/>

Concrete Design Awards Entry Deadline

Now is the time to start working on your entries for the 35th Annual Concrete Design awards co-sponsored by Acuity Insurance, Euclid Chemical, FiveCubits, GCP Applied Technologies, Ozinga Ready Mix Concrete, Sika Corporation, and the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Concrete Institute. The award program recognizes excellence in the ready-mixed concrete industry. Award winners benefit from industry recognition, networking opportunities, and free publicity in WRMCA publications and press releases. The deadline to submit your entry is **Friday, October 21, 2016**.



WRMCA Annual Scholarship

It's time again to reach out to immediate family members in high school and encourage them to learn more about CONCRETE and give them the opportunity to apply for the 2017-2018 WRMCA Membership Scholarship. This scholarship is established to help support immediate family members of Wisconsin Ready Mixed Concrete Association members.

The WRMCA will award a \$5,000 scholarship if the winner chooses to go to the Concrete Industry Management programs offered at Middle Tennessee State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, California State University at Chico and Arizona State University in Phoenix. Other eligible programs would include those at Alpena Community College in Michigan and Rhodes State College in Ohio. A \$2,500 scholarship will be given if the winner plans to enroll in a school of their choice.

An application can be downloaded off of the members' only page on www.wrmca.com. Applications must be postmarked by November 30th, 2016.

8th Annual WRMCA Pheasant Hunt

December 7th, 2016 - Pheasants @ Large in Port Washington, WI

Each team will have a maximum of 6 hunters with a team captain. Contact info@pheasantsatlarge.com for information on dogs. New competitions will be added this year to allow your dogs to be more involved in the day. Your tournament scores will be measured on results of a bird hunt and a clay bird competition, total team elimination, winner take all. Limited time in the field and limited ammunition.

Lunch will be provided in the bunkhouse. A dinner will be followed by a raffle and a chance to mingle with fellow attendees. **A registration form will be sent out soon.**

- **Cost** - \$650 team
- **Field Sponsorship** - \$50
- 6 hunters max and 2 dogs max. Beds available at the Bunk House on a first come first serve basis, please contact Dan Large (262) 685-7749 for further details.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

WRMCA November Board Meeting

The WRMCA will hold a board meeting on Thursday, November 10th at Pheasants @ Large in Port Washington. A pheasant hunt will take place at 9:00 a.m. followed by the board meeting at 2:00 p.m. Dinner will be served after the board meeting. The pheasant hunt and board meeting are open to the membership, if would you like to attend either event, please contact Kim at knovak@wrmca.com.

WRMCA Fall Conduit Fundraising

It is critical for WRMCA to continue to grow our influence, our participation in the political process, and the conduit so that WRMCA continues to move forward as a successful trade association. As a reminder, when you contribute through the WRMCA conduit, not only do you get personal credit with the elected official, but WRMCA shares in the credit.

Below are elected officials WRMCA encourages members to support. Please contact Kim at knovak@wrmca.com if you are able to contribute to their campaign.

- Rep. Nancy VanderMeer (R) Tomah
- Rep. Keith Ripp (R) Lodi
- Sen. Luther Olsen (R) Ripon

WRMCA OES Committee to Recognize Safe Drivers

The WRMCA OES Committee would like to highlight driver members of the association for their commitment to health/safety & environmental promotion of ready-mixed concrete industry and efforts to the community. Experienced employees that continually promote excellence are truly a value added commodity to your company and help promote a very positive image to the ready-mixed profession.

Winners will be announced in January 2017 and will receive a free invitation to the January 11th-12th, 2017 OES Workshop at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition. To get an application, please go to www.wrmca.com and click on OES Information under the Members Only Section.

17th Annual Technical Workshop January 12th-13th, 2017

The workshop is returning to its standard Thursday-Friday format in 2017. It will begin on Thursday, January 12th with lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by a keynote session on Employee Retention from Jeff Kortes. Other session topics will include a contractor panel, WisDOT & NRCS agency updates, gradation and mix design optimization and a deicer study update.

A social hour sponsored by We're Partners provides an ideal opportunity for networking with your fellow industry colleagues. The Concrete Design Awards will be showcased during dinner. The workshop will conclude on Friday at noon.

To get the \$109 WRMCA room rate, please call the Kalahari Resort at 877-253-5466, and ask for the WRMCA room block before **December 12th**. A registration form will be sent out this fall. If you have any questions, please contact Cherish at cschwenn@wrmca.com.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

UW and DOT Propose Building Budgets By Peter Kammer, WRMCA

The University of Wisconsin System is asking for \$455 million to remodel or repair buildings in its 2017-'19 **capital budget request**. The request also includes one new building. The UW System is seeking a greater investment from the state than in recent years for both buildings and for operating expenses.

Of the projects listed in the new biennium capital project request, three already were approved by the regents in the last biennium but were not enumerated by the Legislature, including a mechanical engineering addition at UW-Platteville, renovating part of the old Columbia Hospital site at UW-Milwaukee and the first phase of renovating Wyllie Hall at UW-Parkside. Only one new building — the mechanical engineering addition at UW-Platteville — is included in the new request. The rest of the money would go toward renovating, remodeling or repairing buildings.

The UW is hoping not to see a repeat of what happened in the last budget request. In the previous 2015-'17 biennium, the UW System had requested \$74.1 million in general fund supported borrowing and \$74.1 million in program revenue supported borrowing to fund maintenance and repair projects, and other small projects. The Legislature did not authorize any of that borrowing.

In its 2017-'19 **budget request the Wisconsin Department of Transportation proposes increasing road funding for local governments but delaying the completion of major projects**. Even as the budget slows work on major projects it proposes initiating work on the portion of I-94 west of downtown Milwaukee.

Assembly Speaker Vos was publicly critical of the transportation plan which prompted Governor Walker to send Vos a letter asking for specifics from Assembly Republicans to counter his plan. Assembly Leaders offered no immediate plan but Transportation Chair Keith Ripp will hold informational hearings so the chamber can develop its alternative. Walker has said he won't raise the gas tax or registration fees unless other taxes are cut by a like amount. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald publicly commented **that he'll work within the parameters of Governor Walker's no-tax pledge**. Vos and other Assembly GOP leaders have said more money is likely needed for roads but have not detailed the best way to get it.

The proposed DOT two year budget would cut \$447.4 million over two years from state highway programs while providing \$69.7 million more for maintenance and \$65 million more for local governments and their roads. The plan would also authorize \$500 million in new borrowing, down from \$850 million in debt approved in the current budget.

The proposal would **result in significant delays for some of the state's major projects, including:**

- Work on **Highways 18 and 151 on Madison's south side would be delayed** for two more years.
- Highway 15 in the Fox Valley would face a one-year delay.
- Highway 23 between Fond du Lac and Plymouth would be delayed for three more years.
- Completing work on the Zoo Interchange in Milwaukee would take another two years
- No funding would be put into the leg of I-94 from Milwaukee to Illinois.

Both the UW and DOT budget requests will be considered by the Governor and the Department of Administration. The Governor can include some or all of the budget requests in his executive budget which is expected to be rolled out in mid-February, 2017.

OES NEWS

FMCSA Issues Rule Changes

On July 22, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) finalized their rule on drivers hours of service. The new rules reflect changes as directed in the FAST Act, which was signed into law this past December.

The new rules carry specific implications for drivers of ready mixed concrete trucks. Ready mix drivers may count time spent waiting on the job site towards the 30 minute rest break rule. This accommodation has been in place since April of 2015, but the new rules now make it permanent. The new rules also move the 12 hour threshold, included in the 100 air-mile logging exemption, to 14 hours for ready mixed concrete truck drivers.

Also included in the new rules, and of interest to many in the concrete industry, is a change for all drivers delivering construction materials. The 50 air-mile limit has been changed to 75 air-miles for restarting weekly on-duty totals with a 24-hour restart. Please visit <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/rulemaking/2016-17114> to view the final rule.

The requirements for logging are specifically outlined in Part 395.8, including the requirement of a graph and grid. Please follow the link for an example of how to complete a graph and grid on time sheet. <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/section/395.8>

If one does not qualify for the exemption for logging as revised – Part 395.1(e), then appropriate logging is required for the day, including the identification of the rest break. Please follow the link for exemptions to logging outlined in Part 395.1(e) <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/title49/part/395>

Part 395.1(e)

(e) *Short-haul operations*—(1) *100 air-mile radius driver*. A driver is exempt from the requirements of §395.8 and §395.11 if:

(i) The driver operates within a 100 air-mile radius of the normal work reporting location;

The loophole is the 100 air-mile radius.

o U.S. DOT Proposes Speed Limiters For Large Commercial Vehicles

14th Annual OES Workshop January 11th-12th, 2017

The 2017 OES Workshop will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Wednesday, January 11th through noon on Thursday, January 12th.

Topics Include:

- Cumulative recordkeeping & real-time data
- DOT - FMCSA Hours of Service guidelines
- DNR - air monitoring for Silica standards
- DWD - unemployment insurance update.

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NRMCA GREAT LAKES CONCRETEWORKS

Date, Time, Location	Agenda
Monday, October 24th, 2016	12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. Welcome and Lunch 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Build With Strength
12:00pm - 5:00pm (With Lunch)	1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Building Partnerships with Contractors/Engineers 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Break
Embassy Suites by Hilton O'Hare 5500 N. River Rd, Rosemont, IL	2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Workforce Development 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. State and Local Strategies for Implementing LCCA
Cost: \$40 per person	4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open Forum/Q & A

TOPICS



BUILD WITH STRENGTH

No other material can replicate concrete's advantages in terms of strength, durability, safety and ease of use. In April, 2016 NRMCA launched Build with Strength, a coalition of architects, builders, engineers, emergency services personnel and policymakers, with a mission to educate the building and design communities and policymakers on the benefits of ready mixed concrete, and encourage its use as the building material of choice for low-to mid-rise structures. **The Coalition's plan will be presented, including the 7 steps you can take to become engaged in its success.**

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH CONTRACTORS AND ENGINEERS FOR PURSUIT OF PROJECTS

Recent efforts to work with contractors and engineers early in the promotion and selling of concrete paving is showing dividends. These efforts have been applied at both the national and local level and can include intense training and education sessions on design and construction. This session will discuss the current efforts, offer project case studies of early engineer and contractor engagement, and discuss how members can work with engineers/contractors more effectively in sales, promotion, and technical design.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The ready mixed concrete industry is challenged, not only hiring and keeping mixer drivers, but across the board in many job categories. NRMCA and state associations have been working on programs for producers to use that illustrate, to current and future employees that the industry provides more than a job—it provides a career. **Hear the results from NRMCA's driver recruitment and retention survey that compares the Gulf States region to the rest of the country.** Additionally, hear what state associations are doing to support their membership on a local basis.

STATE AND LOCAL STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTING LCCA AND LCA FOR CONSTRUCTION

According to the Life Cycle Initiative, "Life Cycle Thinking (LCT) is about going beyond the traditional focus on production site and manufacturing processes to include environmental, social and economic impacts of a product over its entire life cycle. When considering concrete pavement or structures, taking LCT as **an approach means going beyond the more narrow traditional focus on concrete's initial cost or how using recycled materials lowers its environmental impact.** Utilizing Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) for determining economic and environmental impacts are important tools for decision makers. This presentation will discuss how LCCA and LCA can be used to make choices among competing building materials for their paving and building projects.

To register, go to http://www.nrmca.org/Conferences_Events/ConcreteWorks/2016/images/GreatLakesRegionalConcreteWorks.pdf.

CONVENTION NEWS

WRMCA Convention - February 26th-March 1st

The 67th Annual Convention will be held February 26th-March 1st at the Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa with the Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

The conference will begin with a reception on Sunday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. and end with a murder mystery dinner on Wednesday, March 1st.

Step into Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa and feel the warmth of their Florida accommodations. The central location on the ocean and near Fort Lauderdale and Deerfield beaches puts you near premier shops, restaurants and entertainment. After spending time on the beach, cool off in their outdoor pool, or work up a sweat in the state-of-the-art fitness center with inspiring and breathtaking views. Sample delicious seafood and American cuisine at McCoy's Oceanfront, open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.



Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano

Room Rate: \$259 single

Reservations Number: 1-855-954-4683/Request WRMCA room block for rate.

Check in time - 4:00 p.m./Check out time - 11:00 a.m.

The cutoff date for the WRMCA rate is **January 26th, 2017**.

Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/flpm-fort-lauderdale-marriott-pompano-beach-resort-and-spa/>

Fort Lauderdale Information: www.sunny.org

Airport: Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport is 15 miles away. Palm Beach International Airport is 35 miles away. Miami International Airport is 40 miles away.

Golf: <http://www.deercreekflorida.com/>

Convention Details: Breakfast is included everyday, with receptions on Sunday and Wednesday nights. Sessions will held in the morning while afternoons are free to enjoy the sunny, warm Florida weather. A golf outing will be held on Tuesday afternoon. Registration information to follow.

Session topics include (subject to change):

- Industry Update
- High Strength Concrete
- Operations, Environmental & Safety Update
- IRMCA/WRMCA Legislative Overview
- Ownership/Business Transfer and Transition
- Fuel Innovation
- Liabilities

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 11	Technical Committee Meeting, Cabela's, Richfield, 10:00 a.m.
Oct 11	Associate Committee Meeting, Cabela's, Richfield, 2:00 p.m.
Oct 21	Concrete Design Awards Entry Deadline
Oct 21	Membership Committee Meeting, Hi-way Harry's, Johnson Creek, 11:30 a.m.
Oct 24	NRMCA Great Lakes ConcreteWorks, Rosemont, IL, Noon
Oct 28	OES Committee Meeting, Cooper's Tavern, Madison, 10:00 a.m.
Nov 10	WRMCA Board Meeting, Pheasants @ Large, Port Washington, 2:00 p.m.
Nov 30	WRMCA Scholarship Application Deadline
Dec 7	WRMCA Pheasant Hunt, Pheasants @ Large, Port Washington
Jan 11-12	WRMCA OES Workshop, Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Jan 12	Concrete Design Awards Presentation, Wisconsin Dells
Jan 12-13	WRMCA Technical Workshop, Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Jan 17-20	World of Concrete, Las Vegas, NV
Feb 16-17	WCPA Annual Workshop, Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton
Feb 26-March 1	WRMCA Annual Convention, Fort Lauderdale Marriott Pompano Beach Resort & Spa
March 4-6	NRMCA Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV

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