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Fairs Year-round Information

Attention DAAs:

It's Time to Make your Nominations for the Governor's Employee Safety Awards

Have some safety superstars at your fair? Michael Treacy, Director of the Division of Fairs and Expositions (F & E), reminds all District Agricultural Associations (DAAs) that your employees are eligible for the California Department of General Services 26th Annual Governor's Employee Safety Awards.

The awards are given for outstanding performance of individual state employees and groups for improving job health and safety, for responding to life threatening situations, and for preventing and reducing the number of occupational injuries and vehicular accidents.

Nomination guidelines, nomination forms and additional information are downloadable from the Office of Risk and Insurance Management's Web site, www.orim.dgs.ca.gov. Nominations are due by April 14th. Because there's a limited number of nominations for each state department, interested fairs should coordinate their entries through Kathie Smith at F & E. You can reach her at 916/263-2946.

CCA's Business is Building: San Diego County Fair's Multipurpose Livestock Facility

Follow the construction sounds to the San Diego County Fairgrounds and you'll discover the fair's newest project, an impressive multipurpose livestock facility artfully designed by Will Willis, a California Construction Authority (CCA) architect. The facility consists of two buildings, a 40,705 square foot multipurpose barn and a 40,828 square foot steel rigid frame barn. Both reflect the fairground's distinctive Spanish-style architecture down to their warm-hued stucco wall finishes and colorful tile work. One look and it's easy to imagine how this facility will expand the fairground's versatility and its appeal to exhibitors and the community. In fact, the livestock barn is already rented through the end of the year. Once the fair and racing season are over, a youth's baseball and basketball camp will move in.

Given the project's size and complexity, it's hard to believe that the construction phase will only take about nine months. Construction began on September 19, 2005, and will wrap up June 1, 2006, in time for the fair's June 10 opening. State

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General Liability Program Update: 2006 Excess Insurance

At the beginning of each year, CFSA renews its commercial insurance coverage for general liability claims exceeding the General Liability Pool's self-insured retention (SIR) of \$1 million per occurrence. Due to the tight liability insurance market, CFSA's General Liability Program will continue on an excess basis instead of the preferred *reinsurance* basis. (With excess insurance there's a separate policy with terms and conditions that can differ from the CFSA liability program's Primary Memorandum of Coverage [Primary MOC], which provides the first \$1 million per occurrence of protection.

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Need Picnic Tables? Place your Mity-Lite Table Order by March 27th

One of the sure signs spring is almost here: CFSA's annual call for Mity-Lite Table orders. Karen Gallay, CFSA's purchasing agent, will be placing her annual order on Monday, March 27th. These are the plastic tables that are both scratch and gouge resistant. For a list of table sizes and colors, and to place an order, call Karen at 916/263-6191.

Convention Taffeta Price Now Includes Fuel Cost

Karen Gallay has received a notice from her Convention Taffeta supplier that a 15 cent per pound fuel surcharge is now included in the price of the taffeta. This brings the cost of the versatile plastic fabric to \$1.34 per pound or \$67.00 a roll. (The minimum order is still five rolls.) For colors and to place an order, contact Karen at 916/263-6191.

In Charge of Fair Contracts? Check Out these Contract Updates from F & E

Just when you thought the dust had settled on the streamlined contract process, the Contractor Certification Clause (CCC 304) has been revised and is now version CCC 1005. To view and download the revised version, visit the DGS Web site at www.ols.dgs.ca.gov

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Cesar Chavez Day ~ March 31 Agency Hours

CFSA, WFA and F & E are closed Friday, March 31st. CARF and CCA will be open.

"I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them."

~ E. V. Lucas (1868-1938)
Novelist and art critic

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"Do not insult the mother alligator until after you have crossed the river."

~ Haitian Proverb

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California Construction Authority, continued

construction projects typically take considerably longer (and cost considerably more), but because CCA brings in its own inspectors and project managers, the state process is significantly streamlined. CCA also acts as a liaison between the fair and outside contractors, adding to the project's overall efficiency and expediency.

Four (Hooves) on the Floor

During racing season, when the multipurpose barn is used to stable race horses, the fair will cushion the concrete floor with eight to 10 inches of dirt. To facilitate this ambitious undertaking and to accommodate the heavy equipment that will be used to transport the dirt, Willis included concrete curbs and 15 foot-plus roll-up doors in his design. The animal-friendly facility also features nearby covered wash racks.

More than Meets the Eye

The fair's seaside location is an idyllic spot, but it comes with some construction challenges. For instance, the area's sandy soil is highly acidic, and then there's the high water table to contend with.

To combat the soil's acidity, the buildings' hollow metal door frames are supported by sulfur-resistant concrete curbs. And because of the area's high ground water level and sandy soil, the buildings required more than 200 support piles, each over 30 feet long. And you know the reinforced concrete floor of the multipurpose building? It's a full 10 inches thick.

CCA Takes you from Wish List to Completion

This multipurpose livestock facility is just one of CCA's more than 400 projects — ADA compliancy remodels to new construction — currently in progress and on the drawing board. Have an idea for a project on your fairgrounds? CCA's staff has the experience and the expertise to help. Give CCA a call at 916/263-6100.

General Liability Program, continued

In a hard or tight insurance market, purchasing reinsurance can be cost prohibitive.) For 2006, the excess liability consists of one coverage layer from \$1 million to \$10 million per occurrence.

CFSA compared the coverages between the Primary MOC and the new excess policy, and as was also the case in 2005, there are both minor and substantive differences between the two documents' terms and conditions. For the rare claim that could potentially exceed CFSA's \$1 million SIR, CFSA will refer to the two coverage documents to determine coverage. (A copy of the current Primary MOC is in your fair's CFSA *Red Book*.)

Generally, the protections under the Primary MOC are broader than those under the excess policy, so even when something is excluded in the excess policy, there's still \$1 million per occurrence of protection provided by CFSA's Primary MOC. Charlie Mitchell, CFSA's risk manager, notes that the General Liability Program continues to provide the pool's member fairs with the most comprehensive, cost effective program tailored to meet the fairs needs.

If you have any questions about CFSA's General Liability Program or the excess policy, call Charlie at 916/263-6150.

Contracts, continued...

and click on "Hot Topics." You can then print or save the form. *Note:* Contracts already in effect with CCC 304 don't need to be amended to include CCC 1005.

And while you're on the DGS Web site, take advantage of the opportunity to browse through the Small Business section and brush up on all of the Small Business/DVBE requirements.

Also from F & E, an update on upcoming carnival bidding practices revisions:

Carnival owners and representatives from F & E, CFSA and the DAAs met during WFA's Convention in January to discuss current carnival bidding practices.

Since then, F & E and CFSA have held additional discussions on this topic and once a full review has been completed, a revision of the current practices will be developed. The anticipated time for this revision is set for this month and a letter will be sent to all fairs and carnivals with revision details.

In the meantime, if you have any questions on the carnival bidding process or the contract form revision, contact Carole Poroshin at F & E, 916/263-2963.