



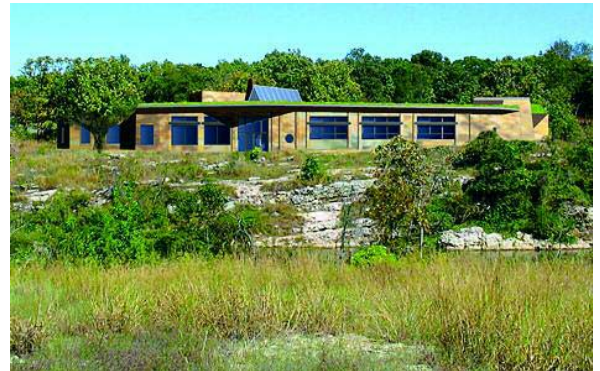
# FRIDAY FACTS

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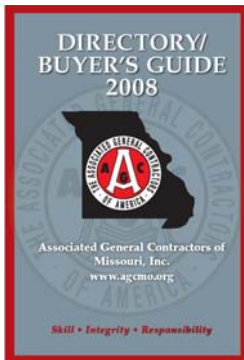
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## **BRANCO ENTERPRISES, INC., NAMED PROJECT OF THE YEAR "GREEN" WINNER . . .**

Recently, the Kansas City Chapter, AGC announced their 2008 Building Excellence Award Winners. **Branco Enterprises, Inc.** was named the Project of the Year "Green" Winner for construction of the Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center in Joplin, MO. This Center is a \$2.5 million, 10,400 s.f. building located in the 180-acre Wildcat Park and was designed to celebrate its natural surroundings. While "Green" technologies added up-front costs to the building, the Center anticipates utility savings of approx. \$6,000-\$10,000 annually. Some of the "Green" components include: a green roof which provides natural insulation and acts as a sponge thereby reducing runoff, a 1,000 gallon cistern, geothermal heating and cooling, self-dimming lights, permeable parking area, waterless urinals and motion-activated faucets. The project team was able to divert almost 80% of the construction waste from landfills. Branco provided both preconstruction services and actual management of the project. The Center was completed under budget, with no lost time and no reportable accidents. The attachment includes more details about the Center **CONGRATULATIONS BRANCO ENTERPRISES!**



*(Photo courtesy of Gastinger Walker Harden Architects)*



## **DIRECTORY/BUYER'S GUIDE 2008 AVAILABLE . . .**

Watch your mail – AGC members will be receiving the 2008 Directory/Buyer's Guide next week. All members will receive in the mail one complimentary directory. Additional directories may be purchased for \$32 plus shipping and handling. There is an order form contained in the directory or you may call the AGC office, 573-636-3188.

## **JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT "SUMMIT" . . .**

For the second year the Joint Transportation Committee of the Missouri House and Senate will conduct their post-session meeting as a public forum on transportation issues. The meeting under the billing of "**Moving Missouri Forward**" will be held as follows:

**Second Annual Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight Summit**  
**9:30 am – 3:00 pm; Wednesday, June 11, 2008**  
**Capitol Plaza Hotel – Jefferson City**

Speakers for the event include:

- Rep. Neal St. Onge
- Senator Bill Stouffer
- Pete Rahn, Director, Missouri Department of Transportation
- David Barklage, Strategic Communications, Inc.
- Jack Basso, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
- Dr. Thomas Johnson, Community Policy Analysis Center, University of Missouri – Columbia
- Kevin Keith, Chief Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation

**AGC of Missouri is a co-sponsor of the event.** All transportation stakeholders are encouraged to attend. Registrations may be made on-line at [www.house.mo.gov](http://www.house.mo.gov). For further information, contact the AGC office.

**MODIFICATIONS TO AGC OF MISSOURI WEBSITE CONTINUE . . .**

If you have not visited AGC of Missouri’s website recently, you may want to take a moment and re-acquaint yourself. Many enhancements have been made during the past few weeks in an effort to give members an informative, comprehensive web area you can use everyday. Check membership information, go to the AGC of America Bookstore, link to other sites even check the weather across Missouri; there are a number of resources at your disposal.

The newest addition to the home page is a *Quick Link* to our “**DBE Certified Contractor list**”. Now AGC of Missouri members who are DBE certified will have their information available to Public Entities, Contractors and Developers who are looking for qualified minority contractors and suppliers. This is another illustration of how AGC is looking out for our member’s best interests. Please take a moment to review this and all of the changes at [www.agcmo.org](http://www.agcmo.org).

Stay tuned to **Friday Facts** for more information concerning web modifications coming in the very near future.

**“CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS” FUNDING . . .**

Each year the Missouri General Assembly allocates funding for planning, design and construction of facilities by various state agencies through the appropriations process. MoDOT funds for highways stand appropriated. However in 2008, the General Assembly appropriated about \$140 million from General Revenue and other designated funds for expenditure on capital projects of various state agencies and reauthorized some agencies to use unexpended balances from prior years. Items that may be of interest to AGC members include:

Linn State Technical College	\$10 million to continue building a facility to house their Heavy Equipment Technology Program.
MoDOT	\$6.7 million <b>from General Revenue</b> to fund infrastructure development at seven ports on the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.  \$5 million <b>from General Revenue</b> to design and construct side tracks to improve Amtrak service.
Department of Conservation	\$36 million in new money for various purposes including major improvements and repairs to buildings, roads, hatcheries and other departmental structures. Also authorized continuing to spend \$10 million for the same purposes from previously appropriated funds.

**MoDOT ADDS TO FIVE YEAR PLAN . . .**

On May 14 the Highways and Transportation Commission approved the addition of \$300 million in projects to the State Transportation Improvement Plan for 2009-2013. MoDOT states the additional projects were made possible by lower than expected interest rates on Amendment 3 bonds creating additional bonding capacity, savings through “Practical Design” of projects and availability of local matching funds.

Projects added using the \$300 million were:

- Adair County, Rt. 63, Kirksville relocation, \$32 million
- Lincoln County, Rt. 61, new interchange in Troy, S. Lincoln Dr., \$13 million
- Jackson County, I-70 & I-435, improve capacity Blue Ridge Cut-off & Rt. 40, \$34 million
- Jackson County, I-70 & Rt. 40, relocated north outer road Grain Valley, \$4 million
- Johnson County, Rt. 13, Warrensburg relocation north of Rt. 50, \$22 million
- Osage County, Rt. 50, four-lane Rt. 63 to Linn \$45 million
- St. Charles County, Rt. 94/364/Page Ave., upgrade to freeway Jungermann Rd to Rt. 94, \$24 million
- St. Louis County, Rt. 141, purchase right of way, \$23 million
- Jefferson County, I-55 & Rt. M, add ramps, \$12 million
- Monett to Republic, Rt. 60, add passing lanes, \$25 million
- Greene County, Rt. 65, capacity improvement Battlefield to Chestnut in Springfield, \$16 million
- Stone County, Rt. 13, improve safety and capacity Rte 76 to Kimberling City bridge, \$24 million
- Butler County, Rt. 67, roadway improvements Rt. M to Rt. 160, \$28 million

However, MoDOT Director Pete Rahn warned this extra funding is the “last hurrah” due to Amendment 3 bond proceeds being used up. He added “The program we’re proposing marks the shift from having the opportunity to build new projects to barely maintaining what we have” due to the decline in state bond funds and potential downturn in federal revenue.

### **OSHA SET TO BEGIN ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY GEAR PAYMENT RULE . . .**

The grace period has ended for employers to comply with a new rule on employer-paid personal protective equipment (PPE). In November OSHA published a final rule that mandates that all PPE that is required under OSHA standards, with a few exceptions, be provided at no cost to the employee. The final rule contains a few exceptions for ordinary safety-toed footwear, ordinary prescription safety eyewear, logging boots, ordinary clothing, and weather-related gear.

The rule was published in the Federal Register on November 15, 2007. The agency gave an enforcement deadline of six months from that date to allow employers time to change their existing PPE payment policies.

The final rule also clarifies OSHA's requirements regarding payment for employee-owned PPE and replacement PPE. While these clarifications have added several paragraphs to the regulatory text, the final rule provides employees no less protection than they would have received under the 1999 proposed standard, according to OSHA.

For a copy of the Final Rule, click on this link: <http://hr.blr.com/news.aspx?id=78348> (Source: Human Resource website: hr.blr.com)

### **SAFETY HAZARD WARNING FOR FORD TRUCK OWNERS . . .**

According to a posting on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's website on Wednesday (5/21/08), Ford Motor Company is issuing a recall of 655,000 Ford F-150 and Lincoln Mark LT pickup trucks for a serious danger hazard.

In a recall that will summon all "2005-2006 models of the trucks with 5.4 liter 3-valve engines", the automaker has identified an issue that requires them to fix a hose that could affect the vehicles' braking capabilities. An Associated Press report notes that "there have been no major accidents tied to the defect." Ford and Lincoln pickup truck owners matching the recall criteria will be notified of the recall in late June and the projected start date of the recall repairs are expected to begin in July. Ford Motor Company will fix the hose at no charge to owners.



### **ANNUAL GOLF OUTING - JUNE 19 . . .**

We have 96 golfers registered for the June 19 golf outing and many spots remaining both at Eagle Knoll Golf Club and Railwood Golf Club. We are still accepting Hole Sponsorships as well. The Young Executives Club is working hard to get details arranged for the tournament. Plan a day away from the office and come join fellow AGC members. Let us hear from you.

### **AGC ANNUAL BARBECUE - JUNE 19 . . .**

All AGC members are invited to attend the Annual Barbecue, which will be catered by the Coreslab Structures crew. Details and registration forms are at [www.agcmo.org](http://www.agcmo.org).

### **ON-LINE SAFETY TRAINING . . .**

Available 24/7 at [www.agcmo.org](http://www.agcmo.org).  
Click on the Virtual University link.



### **AGC CALENDAR OF EVENTS . . .**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Function</b>
<b>May 28</b>	ePlan University / Lunch & Learn @ St. Charles Convention Center
<b>June 11</b>	Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight Summit @ Capitol Plaza
<b>June 19</b>	AGC Golf Outing (sponsored by Young Executives Club)
<b>June 19</b>	AGC Annual Barbecue @ Apple Creek Farm
<b>June 20</b>	MoDOT Highway Letting
<b>July 25</b>	MoDOT Highway Letting
<b>August 22</b>	MoDOT Highway Letting