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2010 Legislative Session Update

The 2010 Legislative Session ended on April 30, and the Governor has taken action on all bills.

The following is a summary of some of the bills that passed and were signed in to law by **Governor Crist**. FlaSEIA will be working on a Final Legislative Report and will get it out to the membership in the future:

- **Chapter Law 2010-1 – Relating to Unemployment Compensation**
For the business community at large, the severe increase in unemployment compensation rates that was effective January 1, 2010 was a major issue.

The increase was automatic after the number of unemployed spiked, but businesses complained that they weren't prepared for how steep the increase would be.

The legislature passed a bill, which became law when the governor signed it on March 2, 2010. The minimum tax rate will be \$25.20, and the maximum tax rate will stay at \$378. The law also extended benefits for eight weeks. Due to the record level of unemployment in Florida, the state UC Trust Fund has been paying out more for unemployment benefits than

what it has been collecting from employers. The fund turned to red in August 2009; and since then, the state has received more than \$1.2 billion in federal advances in order to cover the benefits. The law requires the state to continue borrowing and repay the debt in several years.

- **Chapter Law 2010-139 – Property Assessed Clean Energy "PACE" Bonds**

On Thursday, May 27, 2010, **Governor Charlie Crist** signed **HB 7179** in to law. The legislation allows local governments to establish Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs. The legislation took effect with the Governor's approval.

The PACE legislation was the last bill to pass during the 2010 Legislative Session. The Florida Solar Energy Industries Association (FlaSEIA) actively supported the bill and immediately created the PACE ad hoc Committee to oversee its implementation. Chairman Reed Wilson and his committee will be providing periodical updates and information on PACE to FlaSEIA members.

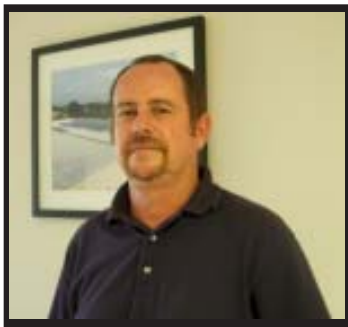
The law will allow residential and

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FLASEIA PRESIDENT

We are at the end of another Legislative Session with limited success in our efforts to achieve the goals we worked towards in this session.

The good news is that we did achieve something unlike last session where we got absolutely nothing. We managed to see the passage of a PACE bill. Our Executive Director R. Bruce Kershner was at every committee meeting in the House and Senate on PACE. The House and Majority Leader Representative Adam Hasner were proponents of the PACE bill and were responsible for drafting it. FlaSEIA, through Bruce, was at the table every step of the way in the bill drafting, and our input was invaluable in this process. Thank you Bruce for a job well done!

Another effort in the Legislative process that will go unnoticed is our effort to stop the House Energy and Utility Committee from interfering in the FEECA docket and potentially losing 24.5 million dollars in solar incentives that the docket sets aside for IOU customers. There was an effort in the committee to make every measure in the docket pass the RIM test. FlaSEIA was able to convince Leadership in the House, through our other lobbyists Southern Strategies Group, Inc., to leave the FEECA docket alone as that money was essential to the solar industry in the upcoming years.

Unfortunately, some of the other goals that we went in to session with were not attainable. We were not able to obtain any funding for the solar rebate program, and we were not able to have Constitutional Amendment 3 (residential property tax exemption for solar), which passed on the 2008 ballot, ratified by the Legislature. A bill by Senator Mike Bennett to have another Constitutional Amendment on this

year's ballot for a commercial solar property tax exemption was also defeated.

The Governor is looking at the possibility of calling a special session to deal with a constitutional ban on offshore drilling and renewable energy legislation is also part of his agenda in this session. He is getting some opposition from the House on the necessity of this session which he is working with incoming House Speaker Representative Dean Cannon to overcome. FlaSEIA has sent a letter to the Governor asking him to place the payment of rebates to the homeowners and commercial businesses that have subscribed to the solar rebate program as a priority in this special session. We have also asked that a property tax exemption for both residential and commercial solar systems be another one of his priorities in this special session along with any other legislation that would encourage the development of solar at the utility and distributed generation level.

I also have some other news regarding the FEECA docket. SACE and NRDC have filed an appeal with the Florida Supreme Court on the FEECA docket. They are saying that the use of the two year payback to screen programs in the docket is contrary to the intention of the Statute governing the docket. Because of this appeal, Progress Energy has filed for a stay of the docket at the PSC. We have submitted an argument against the stay at the PSC through our Attorney Suzanne Brownless. As a result of SACE/NRDC's appeal, Gulf Power has filed a cross appeal at the Florida Supreme Court saying that all the programs adopted by the PSC do not meet the two year payback screen. Our attorney does not think that any of these appeals have a chance of

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succeeding.

What these appeals do have is a very good chance of achieving however is a stay of the docket which would affect the timing of the implementation of the docket. In other words it could delay the solar rebates by up to a year.

FlaSEIA is talking to SACE/NRDC to try to get them to reverse their decision on the appeal.

Unfortunately, all the news is not good at this time, and we have our work cut out for us this year. As always, I am optimistic that we can achieve our goals with perseverance and hard work. I am very encouraged by the PACE Program, and we all need to work with our local governments to encourage the

development of successful PACE Programs throughout Florida. FlaSEIA has put together an ad hoc committee to work on PACE. Reed Wilson of Aquatherm Solar Supply and the FL Green Team, a division of Comfort Temp LLC is the Chair of this committee. I encourage you all to contact him for information on PACE, and how you can be helpful in getting the right program implemented in your area.

I wish you all success in your business endeavors this year. If there is any way the association can be of help to you, please do not hesitate to let us know!

Sincerely,
Chris Maingot
President



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commercial property owners to finance retrofitting their properties with clean energy technology such as solar. The innovative approach known as PACE — Property Assessed Clean Energy — emerged on the scene in 2008 when California passed enabling legislation. The first PACE bond was issued in Berkeley, CA in January 2009.

What was attractive to legislators was that the program would allow homeowners and businesses to pay for retrofitting their properties with clean energy technology at no cost to taxpayers. The projects generated by these private sector clean energy improvements also hold the promise of significant job creation for Florida's struggling economy.

PACE is a no-subsidy, no-mandate, no-cost to taxpayers, consumer opt-in approach that can bring clean energy technology to homeowners and businesses while creating jobs for Floridians. By helping consumers finance the up-front costs for energy improvements, we'll be taking away the biggest burden for homeowners who want to make their homes more energy efficient and save money.

In today's economy, few homeowners and commercial property owners have the up-front capital to invest in retrofitting their homes or buildings to take advantage of the advances in clean energy technologies and the possible cost savings obtained from

those improvements. PACE bonds present an innovative, no-taxpayer subsidy approach to financing those individual clean energy projects on a large scale.

How PACE Works: PACE bonds are issued by a municipality or special district and backed by property tax liens on the buildings of owners who voluntarily take PACE loans from the bond pool. The property owner repays the loan over a 20-year period through an increase on their annual property taxes equal to one-twentieth of the loan plus interest. For many home and business owners, the annual energy cost savings they will realize from the retrofitting will exceed the cost of the annual repayment costs, thereby resulting in no net out-of-pocket expense.

FlaSEIA is in the process of scheduling summits in three different locations in the state of Florida to address PACE. Once dates and locations are finalized, information



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• **[Chapter Law 2010-176 – Relating to Building Safety](#)**

Revises various laws regarding building safety, including elevator safety, home inspector and mold assessor licensure and regulation requirements, manufactured buildings and fire prevention and safety.

• **[Chapter Law 2010-106 – Relating to Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#)**

- Assigns certain programs to regulation by the Department of Business & Professional Regulation's (DBPR) Division of Professions
- specifies that DBPR is responsible for regulation of certain professions and administration of certain examinations;
- authorizes DHSMV to issue reproductions of driver's licenses to DBPR;
- revises certain licensing and continuing education requirements;
- authorizes temporary licensure of spouses of active duty service members;
- revises grounds for discipline of professional licensees;
- revises licensing requirements for home inspectors, mold assessors & mold remediators;
- deletes requirements for certificates of authorization for corporations or partnerships offering home inspection or mold-related services;
- exempts from punishment certain unlicensed activity occurring before specified date;
- extends time for licensure of home inspectors, mold assessors and mold remediators under certain grandfather provisions and revises such provisions;
- revises certain exemptions from veterinary regulations;
- revises licensing requirements for real estate brokers and

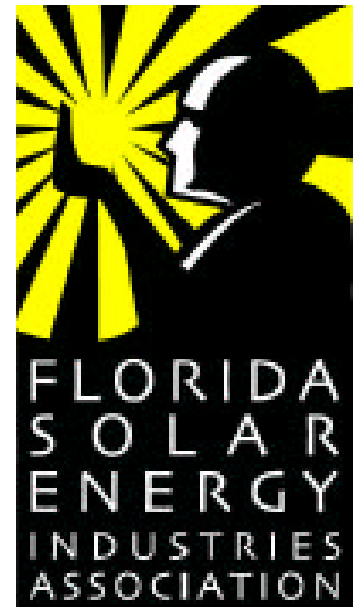
sales associates and cosmetologists;

- revises membership of Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board;
 - authorizes certain board members and certain members of Florida Real Estate Commission to offer, conduct and teach certain courses;
 - assigns departmental unit responsible for regulation of carbon monoxide hazards in certain public lodging establishments;
 - authorizes DBPR to issue & enforce notices to cease & desist violations of provisions regulating pugilistic exhibitions.
 - Becomes effective July 1, 2010
- **[Chapter Law 2010-131 – Relating to Uniform Commercial Code](#)**
- Revises and provides provisions of Florida Uniform Commercial Code relating to electronic documents of title, warehouse receipts, bills of lading and other documents of title to conform to revised Article 7 of Uniform Commercial Code as prepared by National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Becomes effective July 1, 2010.

• **[Chapter No. 2010-111 – Relating to Local Government Prompt Payment Act](#)**

The law provides that a local governmental entity must identify the agent or employee of the local governmental entity, or the facility or office, to which the contractor may submit its payment request or invoice. This provision would result in having one receiving agent that would be identified in advance; Revises the definitions of "payment request" and "proper invoice" to provide that these requirements must be included in the contract for the project for which the payment is requested or for which the invoice is submitted, respectively; Provides that the applicable dispute resolution procedure prescribed in the construction contract or in any



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• applicable ordinance must be referenced in the contract;
• Provides that the contract must provide for the development of a single punch list for the construction services purchased by the local governmental entity. The bill provides that the contract must specify a date for the delivery of the punch list, not to exceed five days after the punch list has been developed and reviewed. Becomes effective October 1, 2010.

• **Chapter Law 2010–101 – Relating to Cost–benefit/Return–on–investment/Dynamic Scoring**

• The law authorizes the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives to request special impact sessions of consensus estimating conferences to evaluate proposed legislation based on specified techniques. It also requires the Office of Economic and Demographic Research to develop protocols and procedures to be used by the consensus estimating conferences when evaluating proposed legislation, etc. Became effective May 26, 2010.

• **And Don't Forget Amendment 4 (Hometown Democracy)!**

• The defeat of Amendment 4 this November is the key to insuring that growth in Florida does not come to a dramatic halt. Although not a legislative issue, this issue could have the single most negative impact on Florida's construction industry — more than any other measure in our history. We need to keep it in the forefront of our minds as the November elections draw closer. Educate your friends, neighbors and employees. Donate if you or your company can to the campaign to fight Amendment 4 being spearheaded by Floridians for Smarter Growth, a coalition of Florida businesses, the Chamber of Commerce and many others. Visit the website at www.Florida2010.org.
• When considering local candidates, find out if they support or oppose

Amendment 4.

We should learn from the experiment of St. Pete Beach where a local version of Amendment 4 passed in 2006. Putting all growth decisions in the hands of the voters has cost that town dearly in jobs, higher tax rates and endless litigation. Although they have since revoked their local ordinance, they are still trying to recover from its devastating impact.

SEBC and Green Building Show

The SEBC and Green Building Show is a three–day southeast regional building industry trade show being held on July 22–24, 2010 at the Orange County Convention Center. This is an opportunity to make personal connections with leading industry professionals. This is where the building industry comes together to learn and to network. The educational programs target the core issues driving businesses today. Choose from a variety of educational options, including sessions that cover six important construction–related subject tracks and specialized pre–conference intensives on multifamily, residential and commercial construction, green building, sustainability and leadership.

At the SEBC/Green Building Show meet face–to–face with over 400 manufacturers and suppliers showcasing an astounding array of innovative products. From the latest advances in home design to an array of green products; from landscape to hurricane mitigation products and services, you'll have three days to discover what's the latest in building design.

Orange County Solar Hot Water Incentive Program is NO Longer Available

As of April 19, 2010, the Orange County Solar Hot Water Incentive Program is NO longer available.

Systems installed on or before April 19, 2010 will still be eligible for the program. Approved applications submitted by June 15, 2010 will be processed as funding becomes available.

The Orange County Solar Hot Water Heater Program was a huge success! Since the launch of the program on April 22, 2008, Orange County received nearly 1,000 applications. Annually, this equates to over 1.6 million kilowatts per hour of energy savings and more than 1,000 tons of carbon dioxide from being emitted.

Orange County is currently offering an educational program called "The Orange County Homeowner Energy Efficiency Program", or OCHEEP! Participants in the program can receive up to \$1,000 in energy efficient rebates including solar water heaters. Please visit the OCHEEP! website for details.

Property Assessed Clean Energy Program Application to DOE (PACE)

The U.S. Department of Energy released a competitive Funding Opportunity Announcement titled,

State Energy Program (SEP) Strengthening Building Retrofit Markets and Stimulating Energy Efficiency Action in June 2010. As the designated State Energy Office, the FECC was eligible to apply for funding under this award.

One of the eligible funding activities was Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs. With the recent passing of **House Bill 7179**, the FECC believed it to be an opportune time to provide funding to launch these programs.

The FECC worked with counties to apply for this award as Pilot PACE programs. These counties are geographically diverse and encompass large market areas, proving to be excellent areas for Pilot PACE programs. The counties are Leon, Orange, Sarasota, St. Lucie and Miami-Dade.

In addition, the FECC wanted to provide assistance to all other counties and cities interested in creating a PACE program. The FECC has worked with the University of Florida and Florida League of Cities to propose a Technical Assistance Program (TAP).

All of the five pilot programs will report their progress back to TAP to

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- ensure a statewide coordinated effort. TAP will document best PACE program practices and ensure they are replicated around the state.

- The FECC submitted the application to the US Department of Energy on June 7, 2010 requesting a total award of \$5 million. The U.S. Department of Energy is anticipating awards being announced in September 2010.

Skop, Argenziano Among 55 to Apply for PSC Seats

- Fifty-five Applications were submitted by the Thursday deadline for the Public Service Commission (PSC) seats now held by Chairman Nancy Argenziano and Commissioner Nathan A. Skop. Argenziano submitted her application on Wednesday and Skop was among those submitting on Thursday.

- The nomination process and eventual confirmation likely will be controversial. Argenziano has suggested there are efforts underway by utilities to oust commissioners who voted against rate hike requests by Florida Power & Light and Progress Energy. The Senate in April refused to confirm David E. Klement and Ben A. "Steve" Stevens, III in a move widely seen as political payback against Governor Charlie Crist and against the PSC for voting down the rate hike requests in January.

- Crist has until July 15 to choose from a list of eight applicants submitted by the Public Service Nominating Council for the Klement and Stevens seats. Four of those eight who were recommended also applied for the Skop and Argenziano seats: Former PSC Executive Director Mary Bane, Jacksonville City Councilman Art Graham, former Missouri PSC member Connie Murray and legislative analyst Kevin Wiehle. The PSC Nominating Council is scheduled to meet June 30 and August 19–20 to review the new applications and conduct interviews.

Skop's application included letters of recommendation from U.S. Representative Cliff Stearns, R–Ocala, former Democratic House Speaker Jon Mills, and 13 legislators including Senator Mike Fasano, R–New Port Richey, Senator Steve Oelrich, R–Cross Creek, Representative Paige Kreegel, R–Punta Gorda and Representative Franklin Sands, D–Plantation, and Representative Jim Waldman, D–Coconut Creek. Argenziano's application did not include letters of recommendation.

Two Legislators Among List of Eight PSC Finalists

A nominating council has sent **Governor Charlie Crist** the names of eight people to consider for two vacancies on the Public Service Commission. The Public Service Commission Nominating Council approved the list following an all day round of interviews in Orlando.

Both Senator Lee Constantine, R–Altamonte Springs and Representative Ronald Brise, D–North Miami Beach were among the eight finalists selected by the panel which includes six legislators.

Other finalists include former Senator Curt Kiser, who is currently general counsel for the Public Service Commission, as well as Jacksonville City Councilman Art Graham, and former PSC executive director Mary Bane. Bane resigned from the PSC last year at the height of a controversy over whether staff had too close a relationship with utilities regulated by the PSC. Other finalists selected were Charles Ranson, Kevin Wiehle and Connie Murray. Murray is a former member of the Missouri Public Service Commission, while Ranson is a Tallahassee attorney and Wiehle is a legislative analyst.

The vacancies were created by the Senate's refusal in April to confirm David E. Klement and Ben A. "Steve" Stevens, III. The vote was largely

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seen as political payback against Crist and the PSC's refusal to approval utilities' electricity rate hike requests.

November Elections Will Be Historical

For the first time in over 100 years, the race for Florida Governor and all three Cabinet positions will be up for election with no incumbent running for re-election.

Attorney General Bill McCollum (R) and Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink (D) have qualified to run for Governor with incumbent Governor Charlie Crist qualifying earlier this year to run for the United States Senate.

Both received challenges from within their party, directly and indirectly. The son of the late Governor Lawton Chiles qualified recently as a NPA candidate for Governor, while multi-millionaire businessman Rick Scott qualified and will challenge General McCollum for the Republican nomination.

At the cabinet level, Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp qualified to face off with Pensacola native and former State Representative Holly Benson and Tampa prosecutor Pam Bondi for the Republican nomination for Attorney General. The Democratic primary for Attorney General will pit friends and fellow State Senators Dave Aronberg and Dan Gelber against one another.

Senate President Jeff Atwater will face former Florida House colleague and Democrat Lorraine Ausley on the November ballot in his quest to become Florida's next Chief Financial Officer.

Due to term limits, we bid a fond farewell to Charles H. Bronson, Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The race to replace him has attracted three candidates -- Scott Maddox, former Chairman of the Florida Democratic Party and former Mayor of

Tallahassee, as well as former State Representative Rick Minton, also a Democrat. The winner of that primary will face fifth-generation Floridian Republican Congressman Adam Putnam.

In the Florida Senate, 23 of the 40 seats are up in 2010. Six incumbents will return without opposition, including Senate President–Designate Mike Haridopolos. Two new Senators (former State Representative David Simmons and current State Representative Maria Sachs) were elected without opposition. Two candidates (current State Senator Rhonda Storms and former State Representative Rene Garcia) received only write-in opposition for the General Election.

In the Florida House of Representatives, all 120 seats are up for election in November. Twenty-eight incumbents will return without opposition. Three incumbents face only write-in opposition and three new members (Jim Boyd, Kathleen Passidomo and Steve Perman) have been elected without opposition.

Educate Yourself About Amendments on November Ballot

This November, voters will be faced with a number of tough decisions at the ballot box. Fortunately, one of the most important decisions should also be the easiest. Amendment 4, a “citizens will have to VOTE ON EVERYTHING related to land use changes, amendments and even text corrections to existing regulations”, would cause delays in the approval process that would kill jobs, raise taxes, increase costs and frequency of elections and lead to endless litigation at taxpayer expense.

Amendment 4 has been referred to in the past as a ‘stimulus package for special interest lawyers’.

Point in fact 1: Years ago, those who are proponent's entitled it “Hometown Democracy”, but its

• anything but . . . they had difficulty
• getting the required signatures to
• place it on the ballot the first
• attempt, but they finally succeeded
• by getting an extension. Now their
• sound bites sound good – who
• doesn't like "hometown decision
• making" or "democracy in action"?

• **Point in fact 2:** This proposal would
• add costly new layers of
• bureaucratic red-tape to existing
• complicated planning processes. A
• few of you who read this may be
• involved in municipal planning,
• zoning, advisory boards and know
• your way through the process and
• its highly technical language, most
• of us don't have the time to read
• hundreds or thousands of pages to
• determine whether something is
• good for the community or not; and
• it would be virtually impossible to
• condense thousands of pages of
• technical planning data into the 75
• word ballot summaries that are
• required by law (for each and every
• change to land use issues.
• Inevitably, disagreements – and
• lawsuits – would ensue (and have).

• Voting for Amendment 4 encourages
• the special interests that lose at the
• ballot box to take their case to court,
• at taxpayer (your) expense.

• **Case in point:** That is exactly what
• happened to the small town of St.
• Pete Beach in Pinellas County, which
• implemented a local version of
• Amendment 4 in 2006. The measure
• decimated their economy and
• created chaos at the polls. They
• repealed the law in 2008 and still to
• date, the citizens of St. Pete Beach
• have seen nearly a dozen lawsuits
• that were filed (by those who want
• you to vote yes on Amendment 4)
• during it's tenure and immediately
• after which have cost local
• taxpayers more than three-quarters
• of a million dollars in legal fees
• alone. This does not take into
• account the developmental delays
• and lack of decisions and failures in
• development projects.

• As Florida attempts to recover from
• this devastating recession, the last

thing we need is Amendment 4, a
proposal that would raise taxes, cost
jobs and hurt Florida's working
families and small businesses. This
November, VOTE NO on Amendment
4!

To learn more about how this will
affect you and to better understand
the impacts of this amendment is
found at www.florida2010.org.

Certified Contractor License Renewal Reminder

Just a reminder that the Certified Contractor licenses from the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) are up for renewal on August 31, 2010. Current law requires licenseholders to obtain 14 hours of continuing education with at least one hour in workplace safety, one hour in workers' compensation, one hour in business practices, one hour in the advance building code module, one hour in laws and rules (Chapter 489) and one hour in wind mitigation (this requirement only affects general, residential, building, roofing and glass and glazing contractors).

Don't forget to notify the DBPR office of any address change. Section 489.124(2) gives sole responsibility to the licensee for notifying DBPR in writing of the licensee's current mailing address and phone number. Failure to notify the department of a change of address shall constitute a violation of this section. In addition, if your address changes and you do not notify the department, you may not receive important mailings from the department such as your renewal notice.

DIVISION OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION OFFERS FREE CLASSES

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The Florida Department of Financial Services, Division of Workers' Compensation, continues to offer free classes regarding Florida's Workers' Compensation Laws and Workplace Safety to Business Owners, Licensed Contractors and Employers.

Workers' compensation topics covered include:

- Review of Key Statutory Definitions
- Contractor Responsibilities
- Exemptions
- Insurance Coverage Requirements
- Enforcement Provisions

Workplace safety topics presented by OSHA (U.S. Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) include:

- Direct and Indirect Costs
- Inspections
- Florida Fatalities

The following is a list of class locations and dates. All seminar times are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon:

July 13, 2010

Fort Myers

Career and Service Centers of Southwest Florida
4150 Ford Street Extension,
Conference Room 1
Fort Myers, FL 33916

July 15, 2010

Miami State Office Building
401 N.W. 2nd Avenue, North
Tower, Room 423
Miami, FL 33128

July 29, 2010

Tampa
State Office Building
1313 North Tampa Street, Suite 605
Tampa, FL 33603

July 29, 2010

Pompano Beach
Workforce One
2301 West Sample Road, Building 4
Pompano Beach, FL 33073

August 6, 2010

Lakeland
Lakeland Public Library
100 Lake Morton Drive
Lakeland, FL 33801

August 10, 2010

Pensacola
West Florida Regional Library
200 West Gregory Street
Pensacola, FL 32501

August 12, 2010

Orlando
State Office Building, Hurston
Complex
400 West Robinson Street, South
Tower, Conference Room A & B
Orlando, FL 32801

August 13, 2010

West Palm Beach
Central Career Center
1951 North Military Trail, Suite D
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

August 18, 2010

Jacksonville
Florida Dept of Law Enforcement
921 North Davis Street, Building E
Jacksonville, FL 32209

August 20, 2010

Tallahassee
Southwood Complex, Betty Easley
Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way, Room 180
Tallahassee, FL 32399

The Division of Workers' Compensation is an authorized provider (Provider Number: 0004354) for continuing education purposes through the CILB. Course Number: 0010118 – one hour satisfies the Workers' Compensation requirement and Course Number: 0010630 – one hour satisfies the Workplace Safety requirement.

Advanced registration is required. The form is available on the Division's website at www.myfloridacfo.com/WC. For additional information, e-mail bocseminars@MyFloridaCFO.com, call (813) 221-6518 or Fax (813) 233-3742.

OSHA'S SEVERE VIOLATOR ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIVE EFFECTIVE JUNE 18

OSHA recently announced that the Severe Violators Enforcement Program directive is effective June 18th. The agency announced in April that it was implementing the program to focus on employers who continually disregard their legal obligations to protect their workers.

OSHA's SVEP focuses enforcement efforts on employers who willfully and repeatedly endanger workers by exposing them to serious hazards. The directive establishes procedures and enforcement actions for the severe violator program, including increased inspections, such as mandatory follow-up inspections of a workplace found in violation and inspections of other worksites of the same company where similar hazards or deficiencies may be present.

The directive explains that the SVEP is intended to focus enforcement efforts on employers who have demonstrated recalcitrance or indifference to their OSH Act obligations by committing willful, repeated or failure-to-abate violations in one or more of the following circumstances: a fatality or catastrophe situation; in industry operations or processes that expose workers to severe occupational hazards; exposing workers to hazards related to the potential releases of highly hazardous

chemicals; and all egregious enforcement actions.

Visit the **Severe Violator Enforcement Program directive** for more details.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

New OSHA Training Emphasizes Workers' Rights

"Introduction to OSHA," a new training **component** emphasizing workers' rights, is required content in every OSHA 10- and 30-hour Outreach Training Program class. OSHA developed the information in

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support of the Secretary of Labor's goal of strengthening the voice of workers.

This information affects hundreds of thousands of workers who complete Outreach Training Program classes each year, and more than 50,000 authorized OSHA Outreach Trainers. It focuses on the importance of workers' rights and advises them of their right to

- safe and healthful workplaces
- know about the presence and effects of hazardous chemicals
- review information about injuries and illnesses in their workplaces
- receive training
- request/file for an OSHA inspection and participate in the inspection
- be free from retaliation for exercising their safety and health rights

"For too long workers have avoided making claims of unsafe work conditions out of fear of losing their jobs," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA David Michaels. "We are confident that this new training will embolden workers to speak up when they find work practices that endanger their lives and the lives of their co-workers."

During the 10- and 30-hour outreach

training program classes, OSHA trainers will cover topics on whistleblower rights and filing a complaint, and will provide samples of a weekly fatality and catastrophe report, material data safety sheet and the OSHA Log of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses. Trainers can obtain test and answer sheets from their authorizing training organization.

The OSHA Outreach Training Program is a voluntary program that seeks to teach workers about their rights and how to identify, reduce, avoid and prevent job-related hazards. The program includes 10- and 30-hour courses in construction, general or maritime industry safety and health hazard recognition and prevention that is taught through a network of OSHA-authorized trainers. Over the past three years, nearly two million students have received training through this program.

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F laSEIA extends a hearty welcome to the following new members who have joined the association from March 7, 2010 through June 21, 2010. We thank them for joining our association and look forward to their participation in helping this association achieve its goals.

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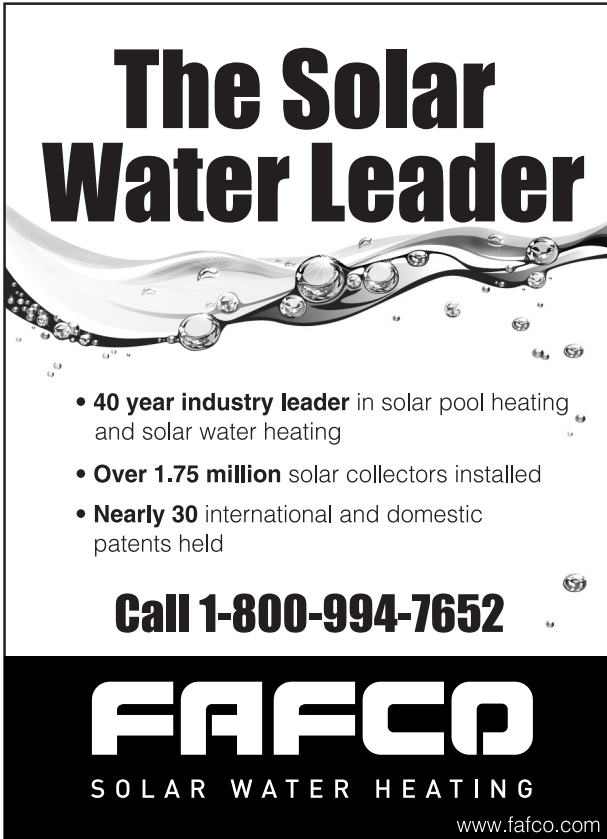
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July 22-24

Board of Director's Meeting
August (TBA)

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November (TBA)

Annual Golf Tournament
November (TBA)

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November (TBA)

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