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WEST VIRGINIA AGAIN TOPS NATION IN PERCENTAGE OF CONSTRUCTION JOBS LOSS IN A YEAR PERIOD

West Virginia again leads all states in shedding jobs during a twelve month period by losing the highest percentage of construction jobs, a 6.3 percent drop, 2,200 jobs. For the months of January through March 2014, West Virginia ranked 51 out of 50 states and the District of Columbia in the percentage of lost construction jobs in a year over year basis, according to an analysis of federal Bureau of Labor Statistics data by the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of America. In April, the state inched up to 49 but is now 51 for the month of May. In May 2013, 34,900 West Virginians were employed in the construction industry. In May 2014, that figure declined 6.3 percent to 32,700 jobs. AGC's figures show that construction firms added jobs in 40 states over the past twelve months while ten states shed construction jobs. Other states that lost a high percentage of jobs include New Jersey, Montana and New Mexico. States that added construction include Nevada, Florida, Minnesota and Kansas. For a detailed breakdown of West Virginia figures for the past five months, see the May 30 CAWV Newsletter. To see a ranking of states for the month of May, [click here](#).

U.S. TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY FOXX TO SPEAK AT WV TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

A statewide transportation summit will be held in Charleston on July 14 at The Culture Center, Capitol Complex, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and will feature the new U.S. Transportation Secretary, Anthony Foxx. The summit is being organized by the Discover The Real West Virginia Foundation, in conjunction with U.S. Senator Jay Rockefeller. Sen. Joe Manchin and Rep. Nick Rahall have been invited to speak. "A generation ago, the United States invested heavily to create one of the world's best transportation infrastructure networks. But today, real investment is stagnating and much of our nation's infrastructure is both outdated and deteriorating," the summit flyer notes.

The summit's goal is "to explore innovative ideas for growing our transportation infrastructure to prepare West Virginia's infrastructure for the challenges and demands of the 21st Century, and allow for continued growth and job creation for thousands of West Virginians." Registration is \$75.00 per person. For agenda and registration information, click [here](#).

37 WV COMPANIES RECOGNIZED FOR INTERNATIONAL EXPORTS

Representatives of 37 West Virginia business exporters received the Governor's Commendation for International Market Entry, the governor's office announced. West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin, Cabinet Secretary Keith Burdette, the West Virginia Development Office and the West Virginia Export Council presented more than 100 awards to 37 small and medium-sized Mountain State companies to recognize export sales to 72 different countries. "West Virginia has shown the world that we have the quality products, services and workforce to compete in the global marketplace," Gov. Tomblin said. "Nearly 95 percent of the world's consumers live outside the United States. West Virginia businesses that export enlarge their own markets while

they also expand our state's economy and support jobs here at home. I appreciate the opportunity to honor them for their success."

Awarded CAWV members include: **Valtronics Solutions, Ravenswood**— Sample conditioning equipment. Countries: Brazil, South Korea, United Kingdom. **Charleston Steel, Dunbar** — Fabricated steel products. Country: Jamaica. **Walker Machinery Company, Belle** — Caterpillar mining and construction equipment. Countries: Bolivia, United Arab Emirates.

DON'T MISS THE FUN AT THE CAWV SUMMER OUTING AT KING'S ISLAND, JULY 25

The CAWV is pleased to invite you to join your fellow members and their families at Paramount's King's Island on Friday, July 25. Each ticket includes a full day's admission to the theme park and water park along with lunch at the incredible price of \$44 per adult (ages 3+), or \$30 for children (ages 0-3). A buffet style lunch will be served from 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm in the picnic grove. The all-you-can eat buffet includes southern fried chicken, pulled pork barbeque sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, pasta salad, soft drinks, juice boxes and much more. Over 200 members attended the last outing. Don't miss out on the fun, the registration deadline is July 18. To attend, fill out the registration form attached. Form is also available online through the CAWV's calendar at www.cawv.org. For additional information contact Wendy Long at (304) 342-1166 or long@cawv.org.

ANNUAL MEETING ACTIVITY SHEETS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

The nearly 350 CAWV members who have registered to attend the Annual Meeting, being held July 10-13 at The Greenbrier, are encouraged to return their activity sheets. Sign-up sheets are still being accepted for the children's program, golf tournament, trap and fishing tournaments, culinary demonstration and brunch. Participants in the fishing, trap and golf tournaments compete for prizes which are presented during the President's Banquet. (Reservations for trap can be made by calling the hotel activities desk at 800-453-4858) For additional information, contact Wendy Long at (304) 342-1166 or long@cawv.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CAWV CAR SHOW AUGUST 8 - SPONSORS NEEDED

CAWV members are invited to join together Friday, August 8, for a car show and cookout. Details of the event are still being planned, but this year's event will be considerably improved and will also include motorcycles. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. Sponsorships for the event are currently being accepted. To participate as a sponsor, or for more information, contact Pat McDonald at (304) 342-1166 or pmcdonald@cawv.org.