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General Contractor "Safety Fines" by Chris Love | Associate | Andrews Myers, P.C.

Some general contractors (GCs) have begun assessing monetary fines and penalties against subcontractors for what they perceive to be alleged jobsite safety violations.

The question becomes, are these GC-imposed safety penalties and fines enforceable? Does a subcontractor really have to pay them? In most cases, the answer to both is, probably not.

There is a long-standing legal tradition in Texas which favors parties' freedom to contract. As a rule, parties have the right to contract as they see fit, as long as their agreement does not violate the law or public policy. Freedom of contract allows parties to bargain for mutually-agreeable terms and allocate risks as they see fit.

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General Lunch Meeting: Meet the GCs

PANELISTS

- Bill Scott, Executive Vice President, Linbeck Group LLC
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- Jason Hogue, Project Manager, Teal Construction Company • Jim Snyder, Vice President, White Construction Company

Join ASA-HC for a panel presentation and networking opportunities with four Houston-area general contracting firms. The presentation will focus on upcoming work, thoughts on Houston's construction industry over the next six months and how area GCs and subcontractors can best work together to ensure success for all involved.

II:00 a.m. Hess Club

Thursday, November 17, 2016

5430 Westheimer Road Houston, Texas 77056

Schedule

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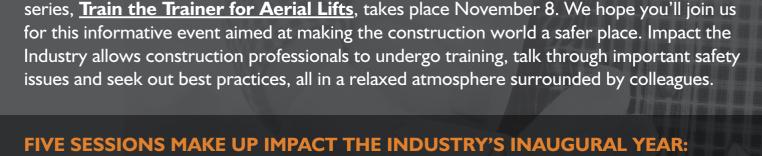
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8th Impact the Industry: Train the Trainer for Aerial Lifts

Associate Member

(Scissor/Boom) 9:00 a.m.

Board of Directors Meeting 9th 9:00 a.m.

16th Schmooze & Mingle with JE Dunn 4:00 p.m.

10th Customer Service:

4:00 p.m.

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Situations (English)

II:00 a.m. **Customer Service:** Dealing with Difficult

Situations (Spanish)

17th General Lunch Meeting:

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