



What Have We Done For YOU!

Underground Utility Contractors of Florida, Inc.

The Underground Utility Contractors of Florida Inc. (UUCF) was formed in 1980 by four Florida National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA) chapters to promote the state underground utility contracting industry and to increase the influence of the individual chapters. Over the years, our membership has grown tremendously. Please visit our website at www.uucf.com.

UUCF remains active on the state level and has contributed to the betterment of the industry by input into several areas:

- Participated in and supported the creation of the Underground Utility and Excavation Contractors state certified contracting license.
- Participated in and supported the creation of the Contractor V classification which allows underground utility and excavation contractors to install underground fire lines.
- Instrumental in creating reauthorization and funding of Florida's Clean Water and Safety Drinking Water State Revolving fund.
- Monitoring legislation that affects our industry.
- Monitoring the activity of the Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB).

UUCF was instrumental in the drafting, introduction and passage of:

- A "Prompt Pay" bill for public construction – '89, '95, '01 & '10 Legislative Sessions.
- The "Trench Safety Act" – '90 Legislative Session.
- A "Prompt Pay" bill for the private sector – '92 Legislative Session.
- A voluntary "One Call" bill – '93 Legislative Session.
- The "Public Bid Disclosure Act" – '93 Legislative Session.
- The "Free Market Bill for Public Construction" – '94 Legislative Session.
- The repeal of the Health Care Mandate for state contractors – '95 Legislative Session.
- The "Student-Learner" bill – '96 Legislative Session.
- A mandatory "One Call" bill – '97 Legislative Session.
- Streamlining renewal and continuing education requirements for Contractor V licenseholders – '97 & '98 Legislative Sessions.
- A "Uniform Licensing" bill – '99 Legislative Session.
- Changes to "Competitive Bid", F.S. 255 – '99 & '09 Legislative Sessions.
- Increasing the administrative fines that may be imposed on unlicensed contracting – '01 Legislative Session.
- A major reform to "One Call" – '02 Legislative Session.
- Limiting the use of Owners Controlled Insurance Programs (OCIPs) – '04 Legislative Session.
- Prompt Pay/Retainage – '05 Legislative Session.
- Revisions to "One Call" including extending valid ticket information to 30 calendar days – '06 Legislative Session.
- Sales Tax Exemption Construction Material which revise the laws relating to direct purchase of construction materials by public entities – '10 Legislative Session.

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In 2011, UUCF:

- Electronically published 12 issues of the monthly newsletter, the *Ditchmen*.
- Printed and distributed the Annual Construction Users Directory.
- Held its annual Tallahassee Summit.
- Published weekly From the Halls of the Capitol legislative reports during the Legislative Session.
- Kept its members up-to-date with e-mails pertaining to Legislative Updates and Alerts.
- Prepared its Annual Legislative Final Report.
- Maintained an active Lobbyist in Tallahassee.
- Monitored activities of the Florida Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB).
- Member of The Construction Coalition.
- Worked with Sunshine State One Call of Florida, Inc. (SSOCOF) and have a representative on their Board of Directors.
- Member of the Construction Industry Council of Central Florida (CICCF).
- Met with representatives from Orange County Department of Environmental Protection to draft language to the Orange County Proposed Ordinance on the Discharge of Groundwater.
- Member of Florida TaxWatch.
- Held its Annual Convention at the Casa Marina Resort in Key West.
- Held our Sixteenth Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament at the Orange County Golf Center and Lodge in Winter Garden.
- Held the Eleventh Annual Bass Fishing Tournament for the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation at Big Toho Marina in Kissimmee.
- Distributed \$21,000.00 in scholarships from the UUCF/Andrew Scott Johnson Memorial Scholarship Foundation.
- Presented the Annual Construction Performance Awards for the *Mitchell Ellington Award*, *Gary D. Sawyer Award* and *Andrew J. Mayts Award*.

The top priority for UUCF during the 2012 Legislative Session will be Competitive Bid. Throughout this year, reports have been coming into the UUCF office that local governments are trying to self perform water and sewer projects. Florida Statute 255.20 requires local governments to competitively bid projects that are estimated to be in excess of \$300,000. UUCF will be proposing amendments to the existing Competitive Bid Statute in order to close up loopholes and put some teeth in the law.

UUCF will also be working on or monitoring other construction and business legislative issues that could include:

- Numeric Nutrient Standards
- Local Bid Preference

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