

REMARKS FOR STEVE SANDHERR AND LES SNYDER
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- **Hello and thank you**

use its expertise to assist public and private owners to meet their climate objectives.

- **More important, however, is the fact that the construction industry is the delivery vehicle for building a greener, more climate friendly future.**
- **That is why the Associated General Contractors of America is launching a new climate change initiative that is designed to ensure that our industry has the support and resources needed to construct a less carbon intensive economy. And that we take the steps needed to make our industry even more efficient.**
- **This new initiative was crafted by a special task force the association convened to look at the implications of climate change on the construction industry.**
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would like to hand things over to him to talk a bit about the new initiative the task force helped craft.

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LES SNYDER

- Thank you, Steve. AGC's Climate Change task force, which included eighteen members from different construction and construction-related firms, has been meeting since the early Spring of this year.**
- Our guiding principles have been clear: that the construction industry is committed to continuous improvement; that contractors have an opportunity to reduce their environmental impacts; and that AGC of America has a clear role to play in helping the industry build a greener future.**
- Out of our meetings we crafted a series of recommendations that are at the core of the association's new climate change initiative.**

- **These recommendations include steps construction firms can take to reduce their carbon emissions.**
- **Among those steps are engaging with equipment manufacturers to improve the fuel efficiency without sacrificing the performance of key construction machines.**
- **We will help member firms reduce their fuel consumption by discouraging needless equipment idling.**
- **We will share information about industry innovations like solar powered job-site trailers and energy efficient job site lighting.**
- **Likewise, we will share resources with our members about jobsite water conservation and management.**
- **AGC also plans to create a group within the association to identify and recommend carbon reduction programs and strategies for the industry.**



clients – private and public – want constructed, it is time for that to change.

- We have identified a series of steps that AGC will take to make sure our industry serves as the delivery vehicle for a more efficient, less carbon-intensive future. As Steve likes to say, you can't wish for a greener future, you have to build it.**
- Involving the construction industry in the conversation about what is built is the most effective way to improve the process and the product.**
- That is how we have been able to design and build structures that are more resilient to natural disasters like flooding and fires.**
- That is how we have been able to incorporate recycled and sustainable materials like timber and coal fly ash into the built environment.**

- **That is how we have been able to design and build zero energy buildings and pavement surfaces that generate energy.**
- **And that is how we will lessen the carbon footprint of the built environment.**
- **I am going to turn things back over to Steve to detail exactly how the association is going to make sure**



from participating in efforts to make our economy

- **That is why we will be working hard over the coming months and years to make sure the construction industry and our association play a lead role**