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MCAC/MCAA Contractor Membership Renewal July 1, 2019

Contractor members - It's time to renew your 2-for-1 membership in MCAC and MCAA. Invoices were mailed May 9. Some of you will notice you got dues assistance from Saint Moore Insurance Agency (SMIA) for your participation in the new MCAC insurance program. This dues rebate is shown as "SMIA Dues Credit" on your invoice.



Thanks to a software glitch, some of you may receive an invoice direct from MCAA. Please disregard the MCAA invoice. Your renewal invoice will come from MCAC and will have the MCAC logo in the upper left corner.

Also, check the back of your invoice to make sure you are being billed correctly. There are 5 [membership levels ranging from A through E](#). Each level represents a different volume of business. If your invoice does not match your current level of business, let us know.

MCA San Diego members, report any changes to your chapter.

- A = up to \$1M
- B = \$1M-4.9M
- C = \$5M-9.9M
- D = \$10M-14.9M
- E = \$15M and over



MCAC Pledges Concrete Masonry Check-Off Support

At its March 5, 2019 meeting, the MCAC Board of Directors joined MCAA, the St. Louis Masonry Association, and others by pledging support of the national Concrete Masonry Check-Off effort.

The Check-Off Program is the masonry industry's effort to generate funds for research, education and promotion to support industry initiatives and drive

more demand and sales. This is not a new concept. Other check-off programs include those for the wood industry (Softwood Lumber Board), milk ("Got Milk?"), beef ("It's What's for Dinner"), eggs ("the Incredible Edible Egg") and more. Eight years of effort led to Congress giving our industry authorization to create its own commodity check-off program thereby allowing an assessment on all concrete masonry products 3" or more in depth.

To be clear, Congress did not *create* a masonry check-off program: They merely *authorized* it. An industry referendum on program creation is expected later this year with every company that manufactures concrete masonry products given the opportunity to vote on whether to proceed with program creation. The *MCAC CMU Check-Off Support Resolution* urges CMU producers and MCAC members to support the resolution and then encourage others in the industry to get behind this measure as well.

There is a wealth of information on the check-off program on the [CMU Check-Off website](#). We encourage you to learn more about this important industry initiative.

[See the MCAC Check-Off Support Resolution](#)

Contractor Alert! Know Your Inspection Tables

Minimum inspection tasks, listed in TMS 602 Specification for Masonry Structures, are required for masonry construction. The level of inspection is determined by the code, depending on the type of design and seismic exposure and must be considered by the designer when developing a Quality Assurance program for the project. Most designed buildings will be assigned Inspection Level 2 whereas Essential Service facilities will require Level 3 inspection. Not all tasks will apply to a given project.



June 12, 2019 at 8am Pacific Time John Chrysler of the Masonry Institute of America (MIA) will discuss TMS 602, Specification for Masonry Structures and the minimum construction requirements for masonry structures in a free MCAA webinar. [Register here](#).

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