



## *Let's keep in touch...*

### ❖ *Main actions*

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#### ⇒ FIDIC

##### ✓ **CICA** is still waiting for FIDIC answers on :

- **CICA's proposal on the CICA-FIDIC Joint Statement on Fighting the Financial Crisis**, draft sent to John BOYD, FIDIC President, on January 26, 2009.
- **FIDIC-CICA Joint Statement on Fighting Corruption**. **CICA's** agreement sent on January 16.

#### ⇒ IFAWPCA

- ✓ **CICA's participation to 37<sup>th</sup> IFAWPCA Convention (Dhaka, March 4-7, 2009)**.  
Preparation of the mission of CICA President and DG: appointments & presentations.

#### ⇒ WORLD BANK

- ✓ **CICA** held a **meeting** on Feb. 2 in Paris H/O with **Marc JUHEL, WB Sector Manager**, Transport, Energy. Highlights: **CICA** tabled a draft PP on accelerated measures to fight the Crisis (Proposal of a WB/**CICA** Task Force). PPPs: draft of the WB PP to be received & to be analyzed by **CICA** PPP WG. The "Well Prepared Contract" (WPC): Infrastructure will get in touch with INT to promote our ideas and will be back to us for implementation. Detailed description of the objectives of the Sustainable Infrastructure Action Plan (SIAP). **CICA** to get in touch with WB Regional & Tasks Managers.

#### ⇒ **CICA** participated in the following meetings

- ✓ Feb. 10: **Najib SEFTA, WB South Asia Regional Procurement Manager**, at the French Business Confederation – Paris
- ✓ Feb. 25: **Marc FRILET**, Barrister, **Co-Chair** of the **PPP Task Force**, International Bar Association
- ✓ Feb. 27: Participation to the **ICC Task Force on Public Procurement** in London

### ❖ *Take a at*

- ✓ CICA List of Abbreviations and Acronyms sent on Feb. 25
- ✓ Minute of CICA-IFI08 Meeting – Washington Dec. 10-11, 2008, sent on March 3.
- ✓ Minute of CICA-RWG07 Meeting – Paris Oct. 14, 2008
- ✓ **AGENDAS**: CICA/MDBs RWG08 (Paris, April 16, 09); CICA Board Meeting (Paris April 17, 09)

### ❖ *Designation of Participants by the Regional Federations :*

- ✓ Asking for designation of **EXPERTS → 2 new WGs** (PPPs & Civil Law Contracts)
- ✓ **IMPORTANT: Reg. Feds' participation to the MDBs' Heads of Procurement (HoPs)-CICA Restricted Working Group (RWG08) Meeting** (Paris April 16, 2009)

## *News from the Regional Federations*



The Federation of Arab Contractors (FAC) informs that FAC has been a co-founder for the International Arab Commission for re-building the Gaza Region, which has suffered destruction as a result of the recent attack by Israel. This Commission includes private sector and NGOs, as well as international and Arab donors. It is expected that allocation for re-building from donors to exceed \$500 million as a first phase for such reconstruction.

<http://www.arabcont.com/>



Debate within the European Parliament on the European Union's plans to strengthen laws, related to energy efficiency in buildings, has reached a critical juncture with a vote in committee expected in early March. Many in the parliament wish to go much further in forcing Member States to adopt stricter building codes in order to reach, for all new buildings, "zero carbon" by 2020. Significant amounts of money to be set aside in a special energy efficiency and renewable energy fund at EU level that would fund renovation works to upgrade the energy efficiency of existing buildings. Roughly two thirds of the total EU housing stock were built before thermal efficiency requirements were introduced in many European countries in the 1970's. FIEC has continued to stress that buildings offer the single biggest potential for savings in energy and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and that investment in energy efficient renovation will offer a major boost to the building industry during the global economic slowdown.

<http://www.fiec.eu/>



To face the FIIC enlargement, its Executive Committee, chaired by Eng. Irwin Perret, proposed to hold regional meetings to strengthen the relationship among its members to comment on the impact and provide solutions to the international economic crisis on the regional industry, as well as to keep track of the projects agreed upon at the FIIC Board Meetings.

A FIIC meeting on February 27 in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, was the first in the Central American Region, and was attended by the Chamber of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, El Salvador and Dominican Republic.

<http://www.fiic.org.mx/>



**AGC - STIMULUS' \$135 BILLION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND CONSTRUCTION WILL SAVE OR CREATE ALMOST 2 MILLION JOBS, ACCORDING TO AGC ANALYSIS**

Over \$135 billion in construction and infrastructure investments were included in stimulus legislation signed into law by President Barack Obama which will create or save nearly 2 million jobs over the next two years, the Associated General Contractors of America concluded in its final analysis of the legislation.

The analysis, conducted by the association's chief economist, Ken Simonson, concluded that the infrastructure and construction funding would create or save 650,000 construction jobs and 300,000 positions in related fields such as equipment and material supply. An additional 970,000 jobs in the broader economy would also be created or supported by the investments.

In addition to estimating the number of jobs to be created by the construction funding, the association also calculated the benefits to personal earnings and gross national product (GDP). Association economist Ken Simonson noted that the \$135 billion for construction would increase personal earnings nationwide by \$75 billion and add \$230 billion to GDP.

AGC has updated its [stimulus Web site](http://www.agc.org/stimulus) to provide comprehensive information on what the final legislation signed by President Obama means for the construction industry. Included on the site is a breakdown of construction spending by program, with as much detail as is currently available about how the money will be allocated, by whom, and if possible, how much will go to each state. The site also includes analysis of the various tax provisions within the legislation that affect the construction industry and an overview of some of the policy implications of the legislation.

<http://www.agc.org/stimulus>