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## A Message from your President

We are back with monthly member luncheon meetings and we will have JD Rottweiler as our featured speaker on February 23rd at 1130 at the Cochise College Student Union. The facilities are much nicer at our new meeting location and the food is excellent so please try and attend to show support for SACA.

We are trying to put together safety training classes for our members. Please take the time to respond to our poll showing any interest and in which particular training.

There has been discussion of setting up a SACA Trap shoot at the Sierra Vista shooting range. If there is interest from the membership we will set up a tournament and have trophies. Please let us know if this is something that you would be interested in participating.

Now is a great time to join the SACA board and help us pursue positive change in the industry and in our community. Our future events might be different than how they were run before and we need your help in discovering new ways to grow as an organization and community.

Kevin Wilusz



## SACA Calendar of Events

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### General Membership Meetings, Feb 23 and March 23

Our upcoming meetings will feature interesting speakers:

JD Rottweiler on February 23 ([details will be added](#))

Adam Thrasher on March 23 ([details will be added](#))

The cost for tent will still be \$20.00 per person. You may pay via cash, check or credit card at the event. If you choose to pay online, there will be a 3.5% processing fee added to the transaction.



## SACA 2022 Board of Directors

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**Volunteer Opportunities available!!**  
**If you are interested in helping with helping SACA grow and make a difference in our community, we would be delighted to welcome you. We could use help with community outreach and a person acting as a City Liaison. If you are interested, please reach out to one of our current Board Members.**

## Government Meetings

Cochise County Board of Supervisors Board Of Supervisors Hearing Room 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee	Tuesdays 10AM
Sierra Vista City Council Council Chambers, City Hall 1011 N Coronado Drive	2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays 5PM
Benson City Council Benson Community Center 705 W Union Street	2 <sup>nd</sup> &4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays 7PM
Bisbee City Council City Hall Building 915 S Tovreaville Road	1 <sup>st</sup> &3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays 7PM
Douglas City Council City Hall, Council Chamber 425 10 <sup>th</sup> Street	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays PM
Willcox City Council City Hall, Council Chamber 300 W Rex Allen Drive	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 5:30PM

### Virtual Plan Room

Visit SACA's virtual plan room for local bid opportunities.

[www.saca-az.org](http://www.saca-az.org), under membership.

Call 520-458-0488 for more information.

## **SACA's Annual Charity Golf Classic for 2022 is happening!!!**

**We are happy to announce that we will be moving forward with our biggest annual event.**

**Please be on the lookout for more information in the next couple months.**

## SACA's 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Classic

November 6, 2020 at San Pedro Golf Course in Benson, AZ

The golf event was held in Benson at the San Pedro Golf Course, this year due to the COVID-19 restraints at the golf course we normally hold our event. The golf event we planned was as socially distant as we possible could, and COVID resistant as possible. This event helps raise the necessary funds to support local community charities as well as the SACA building fund.

We would like to thank all of our sponsors, without your support, we wouldn't have been able to make things happen.

### Sponsors

- Cochise Sponsor, \$2,500
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- Tee/Green Sponsor
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  - Ginger Hernandez – Farmers Insurance
  - Arizona Wholesale Supply
  - Border Construction Specialties
  - DLR Group





## Health, Safety and Welfare

### OSHA News Release

#### **Contractor faces possible incarceration for failing to abide by court's orders after willfully, repeatedly subjecting roofing workers to serious safety hazards**

*Travis Slaughter's companies failed to pay more than \$2.2M in OSHA penalties*

A Florida-based roofing contractor – with a long history of exposing his workers to the serious and potentially fatal risks related to falls – faces possible incarceration for his failure to comply with court orders once again.

The recommendation to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit continues the legal saga of Travis Slaughter – owner of Great White Construction Inc. and Florida Roofing Experts, both in Jacksonville – who has failed to pay \$2,202,049 in penalties assessed by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration for more than 48 safety and health violations dating back nearly a decade at Florida worksites.

Since 2017, Slaughter's companies have been the subject of 10 inspections, resulting in 21 willful, eight repeat, and one serious citations.

After Slaughter and his companies' continued failure to abide by workplace safety laws and refusal to pay penalties, the department filed a petition for summary enforcement with the appeals court to enforce 12 final orders issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. On Oct. 2, 2017, and June 5, 2018, the court granted the department's petition, enforcing the commission's final orders.

On Aug. 28, 2019, based on Great White, Florida Roofing and Slaughter's continued violations of OSHA standards and failure to pay penalties, the department filed a petition for civil contempt, citing the failure to comply with the 2017 and 2018 court orders.

On Jan. 3, 2020, the Court of Appeals held the companies and Slaughter in civil contempt and ordered the company to pay the outstanding penalties of \$2,202,049 plus interest and fees. The court also required the companies and Slaughter to certify that they had corrected their violations. Slaughter continued to refuse to pay or fully disclose his financial condition as required by the court's contempt order throughout 2020 and 2021. In fall 2021, the department asked the court to set aside as fraudulent Slaughter's transfers of real property to family members, have him incarcerated for continued contempt, and order him to pay fees and costs.

"The U.S. Department of Labor's enforcement action and the litigation that followed shows we will use every resource available to hold Travis Slaughter and his companies, Great White Construction Inc. and Florida Roofing Experts, accountable for continually putting workers at risk of serious injury or worse," said Regional Solicitor of Labor Tremelle Howard in Atlanta.

The court's recommendation is the best remedy to address the companies' longstanding refusal to protect workers and pay the associated penalties, and is the result of lengthy litigation by the department's Office of the Solicitor before OSHRC and confirmation the employer continued violating OSHA's safety requirements.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's workers by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. Learn more about OSHA.

From the OSHA Online Newsletter, Release Number: 21-2169-ATL (349) [Link here.](#)



## Articles from EC&M – The Magazine of Electrical Design Construction and Maintenance

### US Economy Grows in Q4, but Investment in Structures Declines Again

Investment in structures declined 8.2% in 2021, despite U.S. economic growth of 5.7%.

The U.S. economy grew at a 6.9% annualized rate in the fourth quarter of 2021, according to an Associated Builders and Contractors analysis of data recently released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Investment in nonresidential structures decreased at an annual rate of 11.4% for the quarter and has now contracted in eight of the past nine quarters (see Table 1).

The U.S. economy expanded 5.7% in 2021, the fastest rate of growth since 1984. However, investment in structures declined 8.2% in 2021 after contracting 12.5% in 2020.

Percent Change from Preceding Period, Seasonally Adjusted at Annual Rates							
	2019	2020	2021	2021			
				QI	QII	QIII	QIV
<b>Gross Domestic Product</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>-3.4%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>Gross Private Domestic Investment</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>-5.5%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>	<b>-3.9%</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>
Fixed Investment	3.2%	-2.7%	7.7%	13.0%	3.3%	-0.9%	1.3%
Nonresidential	4.3%	-5.3%	7.3%	12.9%	9.2%	1.7%	2.0%
<b>Structures</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>-12.5%</b>	<b>-8.2%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>-11.4%</b>
Equipment	3.3%	-8.3%	12.9%	14.1%	12.1%	-2.3%	0.8%
Intellectual Property Products	7.2%	2.8%	10.2%	15.6%	12.5%	9.1%	10.6%
Residential	-0.9%	6.8%	9.0%	13.3%	-11.7%	-7.7%	-0.8%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Table 1. The U.S. economy grew at a 6.9% annualized rate in the fourth quarter of 2021, but investment in nonresidential structures decreased at an annual rate of 11.4%.

“Commercial real estate is among the most compromised segments of the economy,” said ABC Chief Economist Anirban Basu. “The pandemic has profoundly shifted behavior. Remote work is far more common, and a greater fraction of business is being conducted via Zoom or other virtual platforms. The result has been higher office vacancy and reduced hotel occupancy. Neither is good for demand for construction.”

\*This article was taken from the online version of The Magazine of Electrical Design Construction and Maintenance, EC&M. The link to the issue can be found [here](#).



## Southeastern Arizona Contractors Association Member List

Antelope Run Electric, Inc	(520) 803-0922	
Artistic Roofing Systems LLC	(520) 458-6781	<a href="http://www.roofingcompanysierravista.com">www.roofingcompanysierravista.com</a>
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Cemex Materials South, LLC	(520) 236-2573	<a href="http://www.cemexusa.com">www.cemexusa.com</a>
City of Sierra Vista	(520) 458-5775	<a href="http://www.sierravistaaz.gov">www.sierravistaaz.gov</a>
Cochise College	(520) 515-4509	<a href="http://www.cochise.edu">www.cochise.edu</a>
Cochise County	(520) 432-9440	<a href="http://www.cochise.az.gov">www.cochise.az.gov</a>
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Hudbay Rosemont Project	(520) 495-3504	<a href="http://www.hudbayminerals.com">www.hudbayminerals.com</a>
Isaacson Homes, LLC	(520) 559-0288	<a href="http://www.iqconstruction.biz">www.iqconstruction.biz</a>
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Mule Mountain Pest Control	(520) -234-3435	<a href="http://www.mmpc-az.com">www.mmpc-az.com</a>
Perrill Construction	(520) 378-9467	<a href="http://www.perrillconstruction.com">www.perrillconstruction.com</a>
Pioneer Title Agency	(520) 459-4592	<a href="http://www.pioneertitleagency.com">www.pioneertitleagency.com</a>
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Sierra Vista Electric, Inc.	(520) 458-7196	<a href="http://www.sierravistaelectric.com">www.sierravistaelectric.com</a>
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Southern AZ Home Builders Assoc.	(520) 795-5114	<a href="https://www.sahba.org/">https://www.sahba.org/</a>
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Members of SACA have invested their resources to support the local construction industry. Please honor them by giving them priority when choosing business partners.

Despite the struggles with the continuing pandemic, SACA has been able to continue to support our local communities by supporting students in the Cochise College Residential Construction Program, Special Olympics and the Wounded Warriors Project.

We are very grateful for the support from our members making it possible for us to support these programs.