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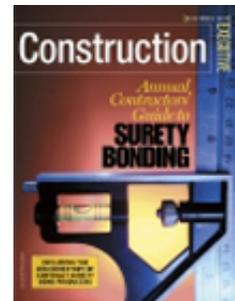
## Welcome!

*The LSA Communiqué is a quarterly electronic newsletter for local surety associations. Please forward this newsletter to your members, so they are aware of SIO publications and industry information of interest to them. If you have comments, suggestions, or LSA news to report, please contact [Stephanie Robichaux](#).*

## Look for Surety Section in November *Construction Executive*

SIO's annual Surety Section will be published in the November 2013 edition of *Construction Executive* magazine. The Surety Section contains a 2013 Surety Market Overview and Executive Insights as well as the following articles:

- SFAA Bonding Assistance Program Spurs ABC Webinar Series
- A First-Timer's Guide to Being Bond Ready
- Keys to Improving Small Contractors' Surety Credit
- How Character Impacts Surety Credit
- The Construction Recovery's Labyrinth of Risk: Forecasting, Financing and Finding Qualified Labor
- Managing Against Subcontractor Default
- The Hidden Dangers of Expanding Markets



In November, the Surety Section will be added to the SIO website, where a PDF can be [downloaded](#).

We thank the industry executives for their time and support.

Comments and suggestions always are welcome. Please send e-mails to Stephanie Robichaux at [srobichaux@surety.org](mailto:srobichaux@surety.org).

## Time to Update Your LSA Directory Listings

Please visit the [LSA Directory](#), review the roster of officers for your local surety association, and submit the updated contact information to [Stephanie Robichaux](#) by **December 31, 2013**. If your LSA holds elections after this deadline, please let us know when we should expect to receive your update.

It is important to maintain up-to-date contact information for your officers, because hundreds of visitors to the SIO website access this directory throughout the year looking for local contacts for their surety questions or concerns.

Change of addresses and/or new officer information can be submitted throughout the year by contacting [Stephanie Robichaux](#) at (985) 856-9878.

## 2013 SIO Awards

We want to thank everyone who has been promoting surety throughout the year. You have just a couple more months to get in as many promotional activities as you can before the year ends. In early 2014, nominations will be open for the 2013 SIO Awards. We look forward to recognizing you for your hard work. For entry information and updated criteria and advice, please visit the [SIO Awards Page](#).



### **Surety Information Office**

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