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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](#).*

## Call for Entries for 2013 SIO Awards

Be sure to mark **Friday, February 7, 2014**, on your calendars. This is the deadline for LSAs and SFAA and NASBP members to submit nominations for the SIO Awards for Excellence in Surety Bond Promotion and the Tiger Trust.



All entries must be submitted via the online [nomination forms](#) available on the SIO awards website. Be sure to read over the “advice” and “criteria” sections on the [SIO awards website](#) before filling out the application.

Judging will take place in early March, and awards and Tiger Trust plaques will be presented at the annual meetings of the SFAA and the NASBP in the spring.

For complete details about the SIO awards and Tiger Trust, visit the [SIO awards website](#).

## Reminder: Update Your LSA Directory Listings

If you have not done so, 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.

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

## SIO Surety Section Published in *Construction Executive*



The latest issue of ABC's *Construction Executive* Surety Section, developed by SIO, has been published. A PDF of the section is available to view/print from the [SIO website](#).

In addition to the Surety Market Overview and Executive Insights, the Surety Section contains articles on a variety of topics: a first-timer's guide to being bond ready, how character impacts surety credit, the hidden dangers of expanding markets, and more.

The 60-page Surety Section is an important product for the surety industry because it reaches more than 120,000 construction business owners and top financial management readers with key messages supported by the surety industry. Thank you to all of the industry executives and advertisers for their contributions that make this possible.

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