

Please vote for Governor Mitt Romney on November 6th

by Randy Bright <http://www.tulsabeacon.com/?p=6370>

Nearly every day for the last few months I have seen it in the parking lot – the same car that I have seen with other various liberal bumper stickers, such as the naïve “coexist”, spelled with religious symbols resembling letters – there it is, the new bumper sticker, “Obama-Four More Years.”

Every Thursday morning I hear the news report on how many first time jobless claims were made the previous week. For weeks on end there have been over 350,000 people in this nation that can no longer make it on their own and are forced to ask for government assistance for the first time. The weekly numbers are also revised later, usually higher, though those numbers are not widely reported.

This morning a guest on Fox News apologized for differing with the conservatives on the show, because he thought that as long as the claims were less than 400,000 per week, there was nothing seriously wrong. So it is acceptable for over 20 million Americans per year to file for unemployment for the first time in their lives?

A few weeks ago, I wrote about an AIA (American Institute of Architects) study that indicated the decline in employment of architects. It said, “Total construction spending levels, which exceeded \$1 trillion in 2008, fell to under \$800 billion in 2011. As a result, gross revenue at architecture firms declined from more than \$44 billion in 2008 to \$26 billion by 2011, a 40 percent decline over this three-year period...Between 2007 and 2011, more than 28 percent of positions at architecture firms disappeared, more than erasing the 18 percent increase in architecture positions seen during the 2003-2007 upturn.”

Now another report has been released by the AIA regarding the anticipated impact of sequestration on architects.

Sequestration is the term used to describe the requirements of the Budget Control Act of 2011, which requires that \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts be made on January 2, 2013, if the Congress cannot reduce the federal deficit. Given that Harry Reid and others in the Senate have blocked any attempt to form a budget since Obama took office, it appears that the scheduled spending cuts are going to take place, much of it in defense.

The new AIA report was done to emphasize the impact that sequestration will have on the federal building construction projects, which has not been widely publicized. It has identified 48 accounts that will reduce the funding for federal projects by \$25.2 billion.

In the report it said, “The OMB report notes that “Under the assumptions by the STA (Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012), the sequestration would result in a 9.4 percent reduction in non-exempt defense discretionary funding and an 8.2 percent in non-exempt nondefense discretionary funding.”

It also stated that a “study by the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis estimated that the total employment impact of sequestration on federal personnel in architecture and engineering occupations at 61,483.”

Though I am very concerned that so many of my colleagues may be losing their jobs, it is demonstrative that because of the impact of the policies of Obama and the democrats that have led to such a huge reliance on government by architectural firms for their livelihoods, especially when you realize that the Obama model includes borrowing about forty percent of the money it spends. Had the right policies been in place, far more architects would be relying on a robust private market for their projects, and those who do specialize in government projects could have that kind of economy as a shock absorber for the times that a responsible federal government could throttle down its expenditures when it needed to.

I have said virtually nothing about Mitt Romney since early this year, as he was not my first, or even second or third choice when the field was more wide open. Though there was never a chance that I would not vote him, I have been listening to him, and am convinced that he knows what this country needs.

At the time I am writing this article, we have barely three weeks before the election and Romney has taken the lead in the polls. I have no doubt that he is going to win this election, but I am very interested in how large a margin he wins by. I hope it is a landslide, not so that we can gloat, but so that I know that the majority of Americans do not accept the idea that America should abandon its traditional tenets of freedom and capitalism for an illogical, foolish, and corrupt path of socialism and Marxism. If we must endure four more years of Obama, that is exactly what will happen.

Don't fail to vote, and don't fail to vote for Romney.

©2012 Randy W. Bright

Randy W. Bright, AIA, NCARB, is an architect who specializes in church and church-related projects. You may contact him at 918-582-3972, rwbrightchurcharch@sbcglobal.net or www.churcharchitect.net.

This entry was posted on Thursday, October 25th, 2012 and is filed under [Columns](#).