



AGC Fact Sheet

- The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) is a membership organization dedicated to furthering the ever-changing agenda of commercial construction contractors, improving job site safety, expanding the use of cutting edge technologies and techniques and strengthening the dialogue between contractors and owners.
- Founded in 1918, AGC is a full-service national trade association with a nationwide network of chapters. AGC represents more than 33,000 firms including 7,500 of America's leading general contractors, nearly 12,500 specialty contractors and more than 13,000 service providers and suppliers. AGC is the leading association for the construction industry. Regarded as the "voice and choice" of the construction industry, AGC is one of the most visible organizations in the industry.
- AGC members construct commercial and public buildings, airports, shopping centers, factories and industrial plants, schools, dams and flood control facilities, highways, roads and bridges, ports, public transit, underground facilities, water and wastewater treatment facilities, multifamily housing projects, military and defense related facilities, rail and transit facilities, tunnels, housing developments and mining operations.
- **AGC's Top Legislative Priorities for the 112th Congress**
 - *Develop and Support Initiatives that will Jump-Start Privately-Funded Construction and Grow the Economy, Enhance U.S. Competitiveness, and Create Jobs*
 - *Support Congressional Oversight of Standard Setting, Rulemakings, and Regulatory Enforcement*
 - *Support Expedient Authorization of Infrastructure Investment Programs with Increased Dedicated Funding Levels that Address Identified Needs, Including Highway, Transit, Rail, Aviation, Drinking Water, Wastewater, Navigation and Flood Control*
 - *Support Permanent Reduction of the Estate Tax on Family-Owned Businesses*
 - *Support Total Repeal of 3 Percent Withholding on Government Contracts*
 - *Preserve the Existing Process for Determining Union Representation and Maintain an Employer's Ability to Communicate to His/Her Employees During an Organizing Campaign*
 - *Restore Stability to Multi-Employer Pension Plans*
 - *Ensure that Any Policies Addressing Climate Change Must Preserve U.S. Competitiveness in the Global Marketplace*
 - *Support Comprehensive National Immigration Reform*
 - *Support Workplace Policies that Promote a Safe and Healthy Work Environment for the Construction Industry*
 - *Repeal Elements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that Increase Costs, Increase Complexity, and Reduce Coverage Options in the Marketplace*
 - *Oppose All Efforts to Encourage the Use of Government-Mandated Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on Federal Construction Projects*

- *Support the Recommendations of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, Combining Fiscal Responsibility and Infrastructure Investment*
- AGC continues to lead the construction industry in economic reporting from Chief Economist Ken Simonson. AGC provides valuable member resources such as weekly national/regional updates on construction material and in person accessibility to the chief economist. AGC's chief economist serves as the industry's media expert conducting more than 200 media interviews annually.
- For more than a decade, AGC has partnered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to develop compliance assistance tools to help the construction industry better understand and more efficiently comply with environmental requirements, and even move beyond legal compliance to earn an environmental certification or special recognition. Through this collaboration and AGC's exclusive Environmental Network, AGC helps contractors keep pace with the latest environmental developments and invites its members to participate in policymaking on environmental matters such as diesel emission reduction strategies, stormwater permit compliance, construction and demolition debris management and green construction practices.
- AGC provides a range of valuable products and services, including: professional development courses like the Supervisory Training Program (STP), the Project Manager Development Program (PMDP) and Building Information Modeling Education Program; ConsensusDOCS; safety and health training resources; and conventions, meetings, audio conferences and webinars on the industry's hottest issues. For more information, log onto AGC's Web site at www.agc.org.

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