



## **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, multi-family housing projects, military and defense related facilities, rail and transit facilities, tunnels, housing developments and mining operations.
- AGC's Top Legislative Priorities for the 111th Congress
  - Support Increased Investment in Our Nation's Public Infrastructure to Stimulate the Economy and Create Jobs
  - Support Permanent Reduction of the Death Tax on Family-Owned Businesses
  - Support Total Repeal of 3 Percent Withholding on Government Contracts
  - Preserve the Secret Ballot Election for Union Representation and Prevent Government-Appointed Arbitrators from Imposing Contract Terms
  - Support Timely Reauthorization of On-Going Infrastructure Programs that will Increase Investment and Sound
  - Policy Changes to Meet America's Transportation Needs
  - Support National Energy Initiatives and Investment that Increases Domestic Production, Generation, Refinery and Transmission Capacity
  - Support Creation of a Clean Water Trust Fund to Provide Clean, Healthy and Affordable Water to the Public
  - Support Comprehensive National Immigration Reform
  - Oppose Efforts to Expand Federal Wetlands Jurisdiction Beyond the Intent of the Clean Water Act
  - Preserve Due Process Rights and Oppose "Blacklisting" for Federal Contractors
  - Support OSHA Reform that Promotes A Safe and Healthy Work Environment for the Construction Industry and Provides Protections for Small Businesses
  - Support Affordable, Quality Health Care through Broader Coverage, Choice and Competition in the Marketplace

- Support Reasonable Climate Change Policies that Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions, but Ensures U.S. Competitiveness in the Global Marketplace
  - Support Increased Training Opportunities to Meet the Skilled Worker Shortage
  - Oppose Government-Mandated Labor Agreements (GMLAs)
  - Continue to Monitor Multi-Employer Pension Plans to Ensure they Weather Market Downturns
  - Ensure Fair Employment and Equal Opportunity for Participation in Federal and Federally Assisted Programs
- 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.
  - AGC serves as the industry's leader on the environmental front and was chosen for a one-of-a-kind "Sector Strategies" partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The two groups are jointly focused on improving environmental regulations, expanding the use of environmental management systems and exploring ways to assess environmental progress. Through its exclusive Environmental Network, AGC helps its members keep pace with the latest environmental developments and participate in the Association's 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](http://www.agc.org).

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