



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. The Associated General Contractors of America is the leading association for the construction industry. AGC represents more than 25,000 firms, including over 6,500 of America’s leading general contractors, and over 8,800 specialty-contracting firms. More than 10,400 service providers and suppliers are associated with AGC through a nationwide network of chapters. 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 113th 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 Expeditious 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
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- 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 Forum (benefits include – for example – an environmental newsletter, electronic e-Forum, issue-specific Task Forces), the association 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 broad range of products, programs and services to support the commercial construction industry, including: professional training programs for supervisors and project managers; education programs on Building Information Modeling and Lean Construction; ConsensusDocs standardized construction contracts; safety and compliance publications and videos; annual education and networking events for all segments of the construction industry; monthly webinars; and a variety of member discount programs for vehicles and fuel, package shipments and offices supplies, and other industry services. For more information, log onto AGC's website at www.agc.org.

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