

The Idaho AGC and its partner the AGC of America are hard at work on multiple fronts on the behalf of all sectors of Idaho's commercial construction industry. This work continues every day and takes place mostly behind the scenes.

But don't be fooled - even though you may not read about it in the paper, the work of the AGC is very important to the industry, you and your employees, and most importantly, your company's bottom line.

"I greatly appreciate all that the Idaho AGC does to help our company. The return on our membership investment is self evident and provides results that make a significant difference to our bottom line."

Rex Hansen
American Geotechnics
Boise, ID



"Idaho AGC's work to stop the state regulation of gravel pits was very important to us and our customers. The additional cost associated with the proposed rules would have had a negative impact on our company's operation costs."

Delwyn Mickelsen
Mickelsen Construction
Blackfoot & Pocatello, ID

"The work of the Idaho AGC is important to our state's construction industry as a whole and has a clear and direct impact on our company."

Michael Arrington
Starr Corp.
Twin Falls, ID



Fighting Bad Ideas – Keeping your Business Profitable Today

One of the most important functions of the AGC is keeping constant vigil over the hundreds of federal and state agencies that regulate every aspect of your operation. Perhaps the least glamorous of jobs, the AGC's continued diligence on fighting bad regulations has a direct and immediate impact on your company.

Over the past year, the AGC has worked to mediate and/or stop bad regulations in the following areas:

Occupational Safety & Health Administration – Silica Rules – regulates the air quality standards of job sites and would have required excessive testing and expensive equipment without the AGC's intervention.

Environmental Protection Agency – Wetlands Rules – seeks to expand the definition of "navigable waters" to include almost all water sources. The AGC formed a coalition to keep the definition in check.

Department Of Transportation – DBE Rules – would have required strict quotas on all federal highway projects, contractors to include specific DBEs in bid, and approval before making any changes. The AGC stepped in and got the rule put on hold while it seeks further relief.

Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs – Disabled/Veteran Rules – would have established strict quotas on jobsite hiring of disabled and veteran workers, including a 2% quota for the "severely disabled." The AGC was successful in getting 37 significant changes to draft rule including the removal of all quotas.

Idaho Transportation Department – Design/Build – the AGC's work to continually engage key department personnel working on new delivery mechanisms within our state is vital to ensuring that the process remains focused on Idaho contractors and treats them in a fair manner.

Idaho State Department of Agriculture – Noxious Weeds – would have established regulatory scheme for inspection of all gravel pits and gravel products to control noxious weed seeds and charged for services currently being provided for through property taxes. The AGC was the only voice of opposition and successfully got the rule rejected in whole.

"The Idaho AGC continues to be one of our most important strategic partners."

Brian Ness
Idaho Transportation Dept.



Advancing Good Ideas – Keeping your Business Profitable Tomorrow

As the largest network of construction industry leaders, the AGC is uniquely positioned at both the state and national level to advance legislative ideas that will keep your business profitable well into the future.

Over the past year, the AGC has worked to advance the following legislative issues:

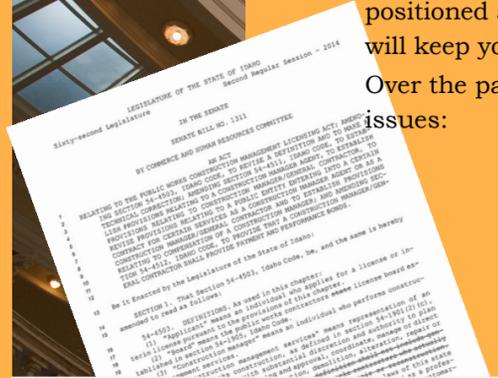
Infrastructure Funding – at the state level, the AGC is the driving force behind the Idaho Transportation Coalition that is advancing an increase in road funding here at home. At the national level, the AGC is the leader in keeping the issue on the national agenda.

CM/GC for Public Works – the AGC was successful in its effort to bring alternative contracting to the state's public works. Through legislative drafting by the Idaho AGC, contractors can now function as both a Construction Manager and a General Contractor on public works projects.

Clean Water Trust Fund – the AGC continues to successfully secure federal and state appropriations for infrastructure projects important to local communities across Idaho.

Tax Reform – the AGC remains committed to fixing inequities in tax laws that result in contractors being taxed at a rate much higher than most businesses. Nationally, the average business pays 24% tax while contractors are taxed at 31% on average.

Immigration Reform – while much progress has been made on this issue in recent years, that progress has come at the expense of the construction industry which was singled out for stricter limits than other sectors of the economy. The AGC is the leading voice in resisting this unfair treatment and advancing sensible reform that is fair to everyone.



Tackling the Tough Issues Today and Tomorrow

In addition to its regulatory and legislative efforts, the AGC is working at both the state and national level to tackle the tough issues important to your business' bottom line that are too large for most contractors to address by themselves.

Over the last year, the AGC has made significant progress on the following topics:

Workforce Development – the AGC has partnered with a wide range of organizations to ensure that training in the building trades plays an important role in the Idaho State Board of Education's workforce development goals.

Apprenticeships – the AGC is working with neighboring chapters to revive its apprenticeship program and bring these training options back to Idaho.

Leadership Training – the AGC is working to bring accredited training for new supervisors, those seeking to become supervisors, and leaders at all levels to Idaho.

Safety – the AGC is working to revitalize its partnership with OSHA to ensure that its members continue to enjoy the close working relationship established over the years.

Storm Water – the AGC continues to provide training to Idaho contractors on the rules and regulations governing storm water runoff and erosion control on jobsites.

THE VALUE OF MEMBERSHIP

None of this work would be possible without the continued support of firms like yours. Your membership and financial support is essential to the AGC's efforts on your behalf.

While it may be hard to quantify a direct benefit amount for the AGC's work on each of these issues, taken together they have a clear and direct impact on your bottom line.



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