



## Building Idaho's Future Next Steps

The Idaho Associated General Contractors (AGC) released its report, "Building Idaho's Future: A Comprehensive Review of Workforce Development Methods Employed in the Construction Field" in July 2017. Upon reviewing the report, the Idaho AGC Board of Directors outlined the following as the Association's next steps:

- 1. Strengthen Current Connections.** The Idaho AGC will continue to strengthen its ongoing relationships with key partners including the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education, Skills USA, Junior Achievement, local high school CTE program faculty, and others. The Idaho AGC will remain committed to helping its partners achieve their goals while expanding outreach to an ever growing circle of influence.
- 2. Expand School Outreach.** The Idaho AGC will work diligently to partner its contractor members with local high school CTE educators in ways that benefit both parties. The Idaho AGC will encourage its members to serve on CTE advisory boards and accept responsibility for nurturing their local CTE program and its students to long-term success.
- 3. Promote WeBuildIdaho.org.** The Idaho AGC will continue to maintain the WeBuildIdaho.org website in a manner that will ensure it remains at the forefront of the workforce development effort. Whenever possible, the Idaho AGC will invest in the site's promotion.
- 4. Develop Educator Externship Program.** The Idaho AGC will seek grant funds to develop and implement a program that will strive to enlighten educators about the careers available in the construction industry. The program will be patterned after that developed by the Oregon Columbia AGC.
- 5. Foster "Construction Careers Now" Program.** The Idaho AGC will do all that it can to secure passage of legislation that will help launch and promote a construction readiness program. This program will partner with community colleges to provide basic construction training in an effort to demonstrate the value of a career in the industry. This program will be patterned after that developed by the Colorado AGC.