



Ohio Construction Coalition
“News Blaster”
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To: All OCC Partners

OCC URGES ALL PARTIES TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT ITS EFFORTS!!

Benefits are mutual and will help bolster state’s construction industry!!

While discussions continue on the formation of a new, more inclusive OCC, the existing OCC – the state’s only legal, statewide, multi-construction craft labor-management group – continues to work hard and take on the issues affecting the state’s construction industry. The OCC met twice in September (on the 7th and 20th), blasting through heavy agendas loaded with topics and actions that influence the livelihoods of everyone and anyone associated with construction in Ohio.

During its Sept. 20 meeting, the OCC Board declared that it desperately needs the assistance of all construction labor groups and contractors around the state. The OCC is actively seeking the participation and political support of all groups, and asks that everyone CONTACT THE OCC TO BE INVOLVED so it can continue its operations!!

The OCC is about to circulate its research booklet on Prevailing Wage to all state legislators (PLEASE CONTACT US FOR A COPY). It also is continuing to investigate and take to the media its findings on poor school construction; it is working with professors at local universities on research into school construction; and it is teaming with the Akron Beacon Journal on an investigation into Gov. Taft and his questionable dealings with the construction companies being hired by the Ohio School Facilities Commission. **But the OCC needs your help to maintain these and many other projects!!**

TO FURTHER HELP THE OCC, BE SURE TO CIRCULATE THIS “NEWS BLASTER” TO ALL OF YOUR ASSOCIATES AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS!! IT IS VITAL THAT WE SPREAD THE WORD ON THE WORK BEING DONE – AND THAT NEEDS TO GET DONE – FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY!! *Have recipients contact Marisol Ibarra at the OCC at mibarra@cccouncil.com or 419-241-3601 to submit their contact information!!*****

OCC BRINGS SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION INVESTIGATOR ON BOARD

Al Adams, who recently retired from the Sheet Metal Workers, spent the past year with them tirelessly investigating school construction administered by the OSFC. He is largely responsible for working with the OCC to get dozens of reports in the media on failed work by non-responsible contractors hired by the OSFC. This has led to further investigations and even a draft bill for responsible contracting by a State House republican.

Now, Al will be working directly for the OCC, which has taken him on as its own school construction investigator!!

To report school construction problems and successes in your area, contact Calvin Jefferson at BMA Media Group at cjefferson@bmamedia.com or 1-888-445-8255.

As the Ohio Construction Coalition works to make a substantial difference in the state’s construction industry, the OCC has sent this “News Fax-Blaster” to you to help keep you informed and involved. Please submit information for and questions about News Fax-Blasters to Calvin Jefferson at BMA Media Group, the OCC’s communications firm, at cjefferson@bmamedia.com or 1-888-445-8255.