



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

OCC HAS SENT PREVAILING WAGE/SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOOKLET TO STATE LEGISLATORS!! NOW IT IS TIME TO ACT!!

OCC urges all industry-affected parties to follow-up with local lawmakers!

The OCC's research booklet on Prevailing Wage is now in the hands of each and every Ohio state senator and representative. The booklet contains a synopsis of the Davis-Bacon Act and a plethora of examples of the poor school construction work taking place in the state of Ohio under the Ohio School Facilities commission – which exempts Prevailing Wage from public school construction being built with public funds.

There also is a summary of the many research reports done that say Prevailing Wage is advantageous for multiple reasons – including quality of work and protection of local workers.

News clips of multiple stories and articles from newspapers all over the state reporting on poor construction are included. Also in each booklet is a DVD of two news segments from Channel 10-TV in Columbus reporting on poor construction and OSFC mismanagement of required contractor evaluations on school projects.

The OCC asks that all those interested in the welfare of the state's construction industry contact their local senators and representatives to make sure they have received and reviewed the booklet; to make sure they understand it; and to make sure they consider the contents carefully!! YOUR LOCAL CONTACT IS VITAL IN ENSURING THE FULL IMPACT OF THE BOOKLET IS FELT!! To find your legislators, go to www.legislature.state.oh.us. For more assistance, contact Calvin Jefferson at BMA Media Group at cjefferson@bmamedia.com or 1-888-445-8255. (PLEASE CONTACT CALVIN FOR A COPY OF THE BOOKLET).

The OCC also will follow-up with legislators in the near future with a letter reiterating the importance of the information contained in the booklet.

OCC NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT NOW!!

The OCC has a full slate of activity coming up. It will meet next on **Oct. 20 in Toledo** (all are encouraged to attend – please contact us for information), and a meeting to further discuss the formation of the “new” all-encompassing OCC is scheduled for Oct. 7 in Columbus. Among many other activities, the OCC is continuing to investigate (with the assistance of newly commissioned researcher Al Adams) and take to the media findings on poor 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 its many projects! TO BE AN ACTIVE SUPPORTER, CONTACT THE OCC IMMEDIATELY TO ASSIST AT 419-241-3601!!

To further help the OCC, be sure to circulate this “News Blaster” to all of your associates and potential OCC members! ***Have recipients contact Marisol Ibarra at the OCC at mibarra@cccouncil.com or 419-241-3601 to submit their contact information!!***

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 Blaster” to you to help keep you informed and involved. Please submit information for and questions about News Blasters to Calvin Jefferson at BMA Media Group, the OCC's communications firm, at cjefferson@bmamedia.com or 1-888-445-8255.