

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AGENDA 2014

State

- **Prevailing Wage** - Preserve prevailing wage, protect associations' and unions' enforcement rights, and oppose attempts to eliminate the law or raise threshold amounts.
- **Construction Reform Improvement** - Advocate for rules and procedures for qualification-based selection as opposed to fee-driven selection so that high-quality contractors are attracted to State projects.
- **Reverse Auctions** – Continue to oppose this process of bidding.
- **Prompt Pay and Retainage** – Support reasonable reform that allows subcontractors the ability to receive payment in a timely manner for completed work while protecting the responsibilities of the general contractors and owners.
- **Workers Compensation** – Advocate for a more “employer friendly” system including supporting reforms that produce faster return to work timeframes, predictable rates, and accountability for medical providers. Also, continue to support and lead the effort for Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) programs designed to produce a less adversarial process to arrive at fair worker benefits and faster return to work outcomes.
- **Right to Work** – Oppose efforts to make Ohio a “Right to Work” state.

County

- **Local Preference** - Advocate for an amendment to Cuyahoga County's 5% local preference rule such that it would include preference for contractors whose place of business is in Cuyahoga County *or contiguous counties*.
- **County Construction Reform** – Monitor reforms and gap bonding provisions.
- **Inclusion** – Promote inclusion and workforce opportunities by providing elected officials with the CEA “blueprint” on these programs.

Local

- **Enforcement** – Maintain proper balance of enforcement and work opportunities.
- **Community Benefit Agreement** – Aid CEA's efforts to create a system that makes sense for all parties involved.
- **City of Cleveland 2% Hold-Back** – Advocate to alleviate this provision so that all contractors can receive payments in a timely manner.

General

- **Relationship Building** – Continue CEA outreach to Local/ State /Federal officials.

Tax and Regulatory Climates – Promote “pro” construction policies in and oppose tax and regulation changes that create barriers and unnecessary cost to the construction industry.