

Join Us as CEA Hosts the Candidates for Cuyahoga County Executive

CEA is excited to announce that it is hosting both major candidates for Cuyahoga County Executive this Spring. Come and take advantage of these tremendous opportunities to hear the candidates address issues relating to construction and answer your questions!

Armond Budish

May 12, 2014, Noon



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Jack Schron

June 27, 2014, Noon



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The office of County Executive wields tremendous influence over our region and businesses. The Executive has the power to introduce legislation, initiate policy and oversee agencies your company interacts with such as the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works and the Cuyahoga County Office of Procurement & Diversity (OPD).

These are just a few of the areas that you and your employees are impacted by this important elected position.

Statehouse Activity

Action in Columbus remains brisk as the Ohio General Assembly debates many issues before they break for summer recess in June including:

- Millions in Project Funding

- Workers Comp. Changes for Companies Working Out of State
- Prospective Workers Comp. Premium Payments
- Public Sale & Leaseback Agreements

The \$2.39 billion dollar capital bill, HB 497, is moving quickly through the legislature. The bill authorizes spending for construction, renovation and repair of capital assets of state agencies, colleges, universities and school districts. Currently, funds are earmarked for:

- \$160 million for local Ohio projects
- \$675 million for local school construction projects
- \$65 million for Cuyahoga County

In addition, CEA is monitoring and advocating on a number of provisions relating to the Governor's Mid-Biennium Review (MBR) proposal, including the following:

- Mechanics Liens - Legislation attempts to correct an error in the construction reform legislation that allows sub-subcontractors and material suppliers to send notice of furnishings to a CM-agent, who has no contract with subcontractors/suppliers or bond at risk.
- Pre-Apprenticeship Programs – Legislation attempts to expand program to include career-technical planning districts.
- Leaseback Agreements - Legislation allows for lease purchase and lease-leaseback of buildings.
- Workers Compensation:
 - Allows the Administrator, through a competitive bid process, to select at least one insurance carrier to provide optional other-states coverage and limited other-states' coverage to Ohio employers whose employees work outside of the state.
 - Allows BWC to move from a retrospective to a prospective rating process.
 - Requires the Administrator to calculate workers' compensation premiums for most employers on a prospective, rather than retrospective basis.

If you have any questions about the topics listed above, please contact Tim Linville or Glen Shumate at 216-398-9860.