

Cooperation Statement

between
Associated General Contractors
and
Associated Builders and Contractors

Preamble

The Associated General Contractors (AGC) and the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) in Tennessee recognize the importance of partnering as a means to achieve excellence in construction. Cooperation maximizes safety, efficiency, creativity, quality, and profitability for the benefit of all in the industry.

Mission

Identify, develop, and promote the best practices and procedures that result in fair and equitable relationships among parties to the construction industry.

To accomplish this mission each organization, its officers, trustees, and staff agree to:

I. Provide a forum to identify, discuss, and seek resolution of common concerns.

To achieve this goal, each party will:

- A. Acquaint all existing and future elected officers, trustees, committee chairs, and staff with this agreement and specifically charge such person with responsibility for upholding this agreement;
- B. Charge elected and staff officers with responsibility for reviewing all existing and future plans, activities, and expenditures to ensure conformance with this agreement; and
- C. Specifically charge all planning, futures and other forward looking committees and bodies to be vigilant in identifying issues which may fall within the spirit of this agreement.

II. Endeavor to strengthen mutual trust and respect between the two organizations, their elected officers and staff.

To achieve this goal, each party will:

- A. Actively seek appropriate opportunities for both organizations and all member organizations to involve representatives of the other organization in programs and events which have the probability of benefiting both organizations and strengthening mutual trust and respect;
- B. Encourage regular meetings and communication between elected officers and staff officers on issues of common interest; and
- C. Provide each other brief biographical sketches of key leaders and all representatives attending joint meetings of the two (2) groups.

III. Endeavor to avoid surprising the other organization, its officers, and staffs.

To achieve this goal, each party will:

- A. Designate one (1) individual responsible for receiving and promptly distributing, and/or appropriately acting upon all communication received from the other organization.

This Cooperation Statement is dated and executed on September 4, 2009.