



# Funding & Policies For Federal Construction



Congress should promote efficiency and accountability in federal construction while avoiding unnecessary mandates that stall critical infrastructure, national security, and resilience improvements. In addition, Congress continues to advance major annual legislation that directly impacts federal construction contractors: the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) and the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). Both bills shape infrastructure policy, military construction, and federal contracting requirements, making them critically important to AGC members. Advancing both measures without harmful provisions helps protect a fair and competitive federal construction market.

- **Make it Easier to do Business with the Federal Government.** Congress should promote efficiency and accountability in federal construction while avoiding unnecessary mandates that stall critical infrastructure, national security, and resilience improvements. Specifically, Congress should pass:
  - H.R.787, The Plain Language in Contracting Act, which would make federal contracting opportunities more accessible, transparent, and fair for small construction companies.
- **Avoid One-Size-Fits-All Approach.** Congress should avoid acquisition rules that raise costs, discourage competition and delay project delivery, like mandating Project Labor Agreements on large-scale federal construction projects. AGC strongly believes that the choice of whether to adopt a collective bargaining agreement should be left to the contractor-employers and their employees, and that such a choice should not be imposed as a condition to competing for, or performing on, a publicly funded project. Specifically, Congress should pass:
  - H.R.2126/S.1064, The Fair and Open Competition Act, which would preserve open competition and federal government neutrality towards the labor relations of federal government contractors on federal and federally funded construction projects.
- **Pass WRDA and NDAA on Time to Avoid Delays to Construction.** Since 2014 the House and Senate have passed a biennial WRDA that helps address our nation's aging system of inland waterways, coastal harbors and ports, locks and dams, flood control protections, and maintaining a commitment to restore critical environmental areas of our country. Likewise, for more than 65 years the House and Senate have passed the NDAA that authorizes military construction and sets federal contracting policies. Congress must continue the biennial process and to not include controversial policies that could jeopardize broad bipartisan support for addressing local water needs and national security.

## ACTION NEEDED

1. **Pass WRDA on its two-year schedule and ensure the NDAA does not include harmful policies for the federal construction industry;**
2. **Cosponsor H.R.787, The Plain Language in Contracting Act; and**
3. **Cosponsor H.R.2126/S.1064, the Fair and Open Competition Act.**